渡辺航 WATARU WATANABE
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5月
またまたまた参加！
王滝村MTB100kmレース！
今年のゼッケンは偶然300番。
なんだかいい事ありそうな予感。

当日はいい天気！グッドコンディション！
しかし
パンク、ブレーキ、ポンプ、落車！
トラブル続出‥‥！！

リタイヤの危機と闘いながら
制限時間20分前
時間ギリギリの423位でゴール！

見ても乗っても自転車レースはいつだって
エキサイティングです！

いろいろ助けてくださったみなさん
主催のパワースポーツさん
ありがとうございました！

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先頭を走るエース
今泉と福富
めがけ
後方より
加速する御堂筋。
それを追う真波山岳。

おいでよ御堂筋くん

五感の全てを使った勝負をしよう!!

エースの
危機に
総北は!?

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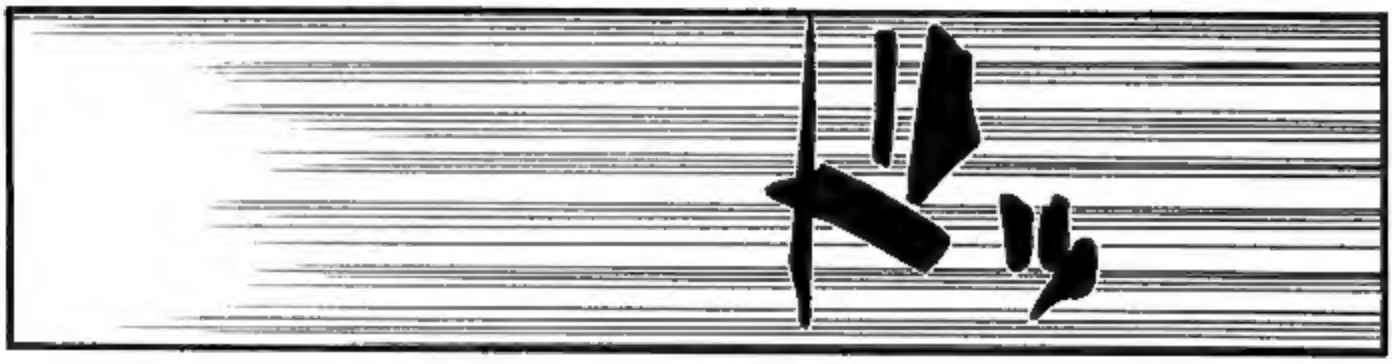

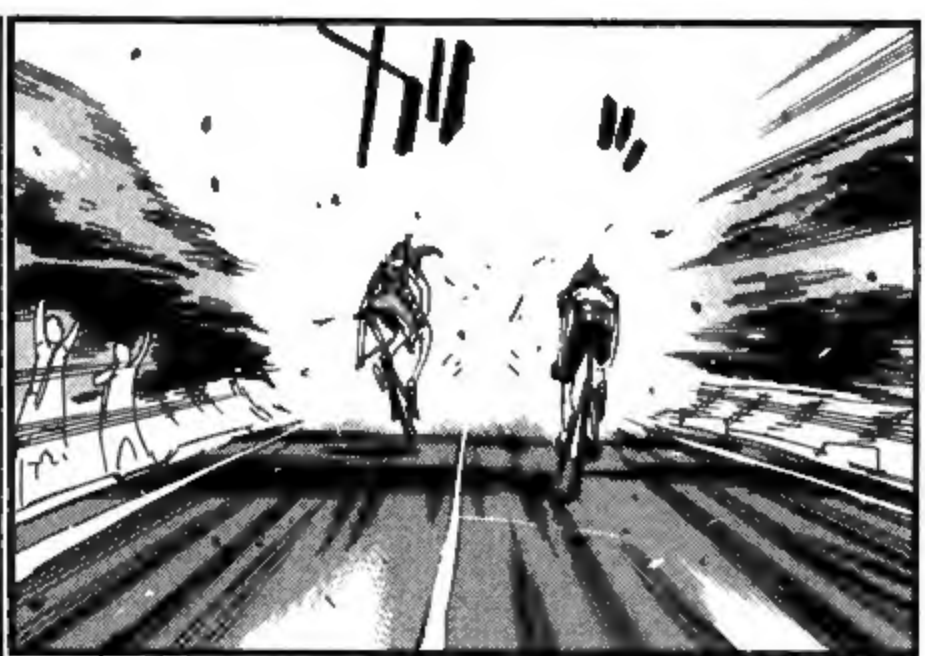

I'LL STOP TOUDOU AT ALL COSTS HERE!!
SO PLEASE
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, IMAIZUMI !!
DAMN, HOW LONG IS THIS GUY'S STAMINA GONNA LAST?!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU
MAKI-CHAN!! MOVE!!
HE KEEPS BLOCKING ME!! YOUR CLIMBING SENSE IS INDEED FIRST-CLASS
MAKI-CHAN!!
REACH YOUR ACE, TOUDOU !!
... DAMN IT!
IF I DON'T HAPPEN TO REACH YOU
I'M COUNTING ON YOU
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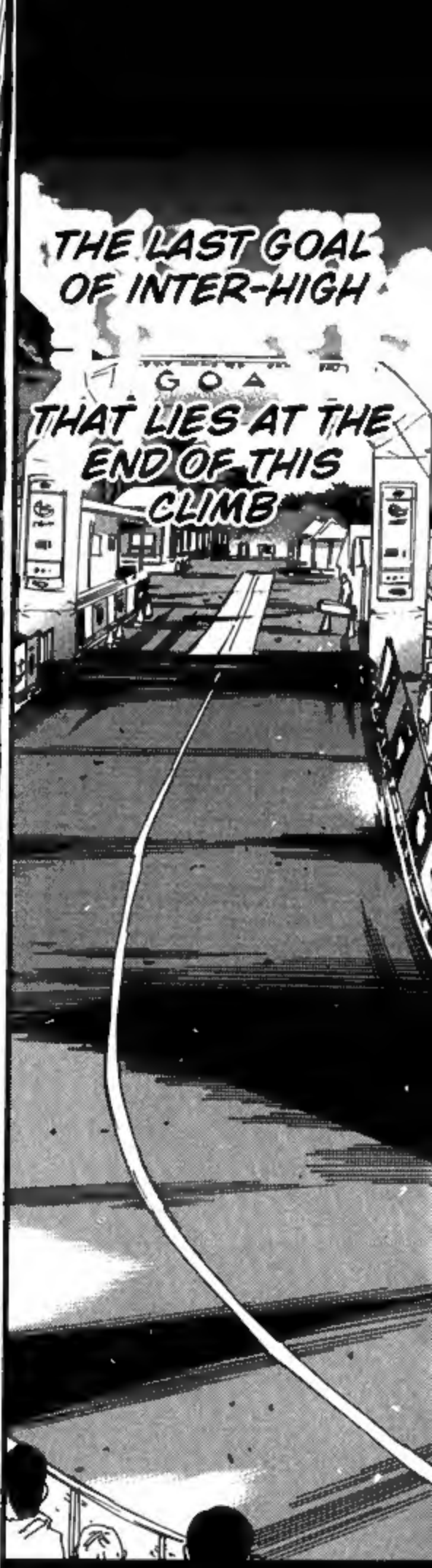
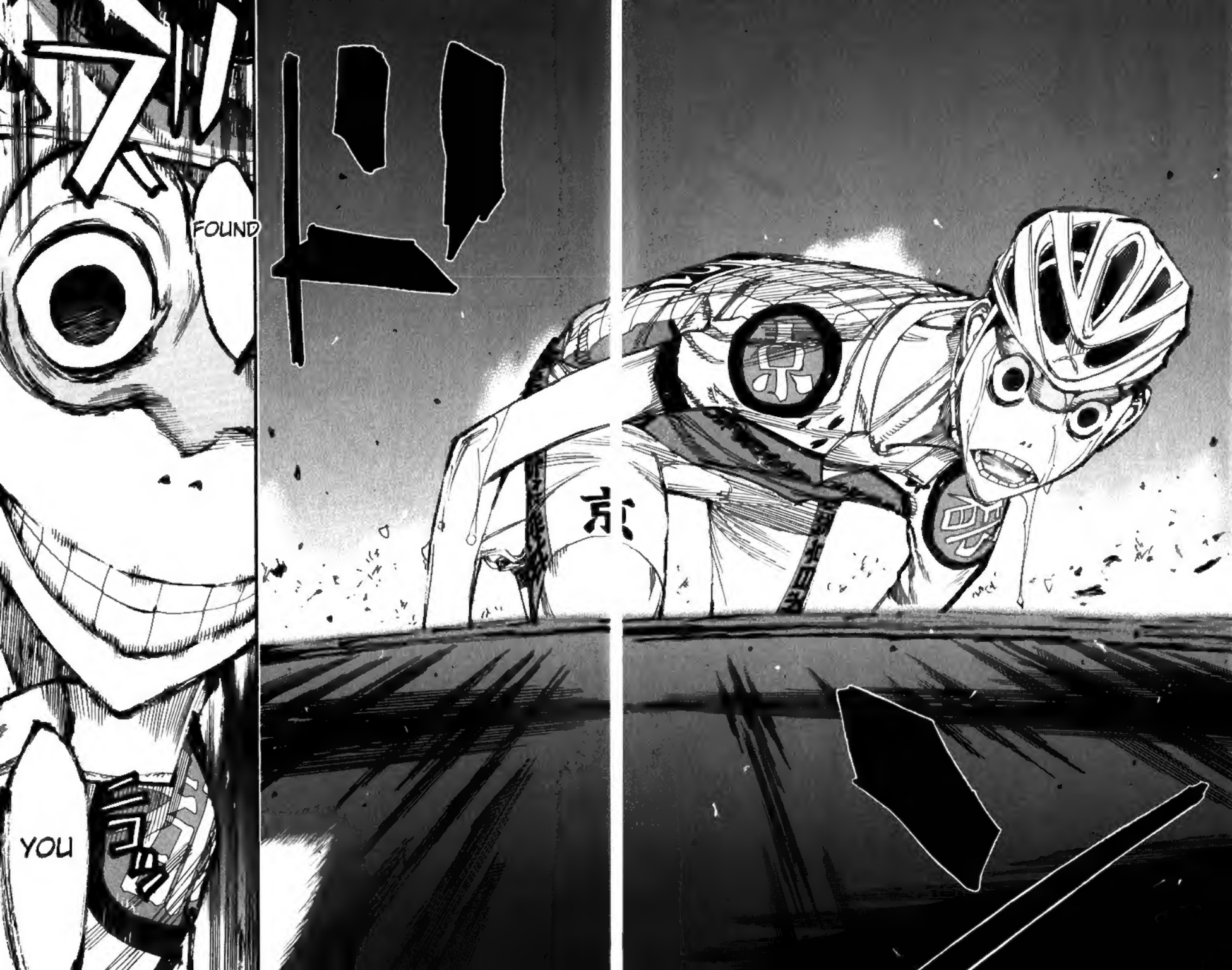
SNATCH IT FROM HIM!!
SHO!!
ROOOH


THE LAST GOAL OF INTER-HIGH
GOA
THAT LIES AT THE END OF THIS CLIMB


FOUND
YOU

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SHO
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HEY
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WAIT
...!!
#91...!!
I THOUGHT
YOU HAD
FALLEN FAR
BEHIND
LONG
AGO
KYOTO
FUSHIMI'S
MIDOU-
SUJI!!

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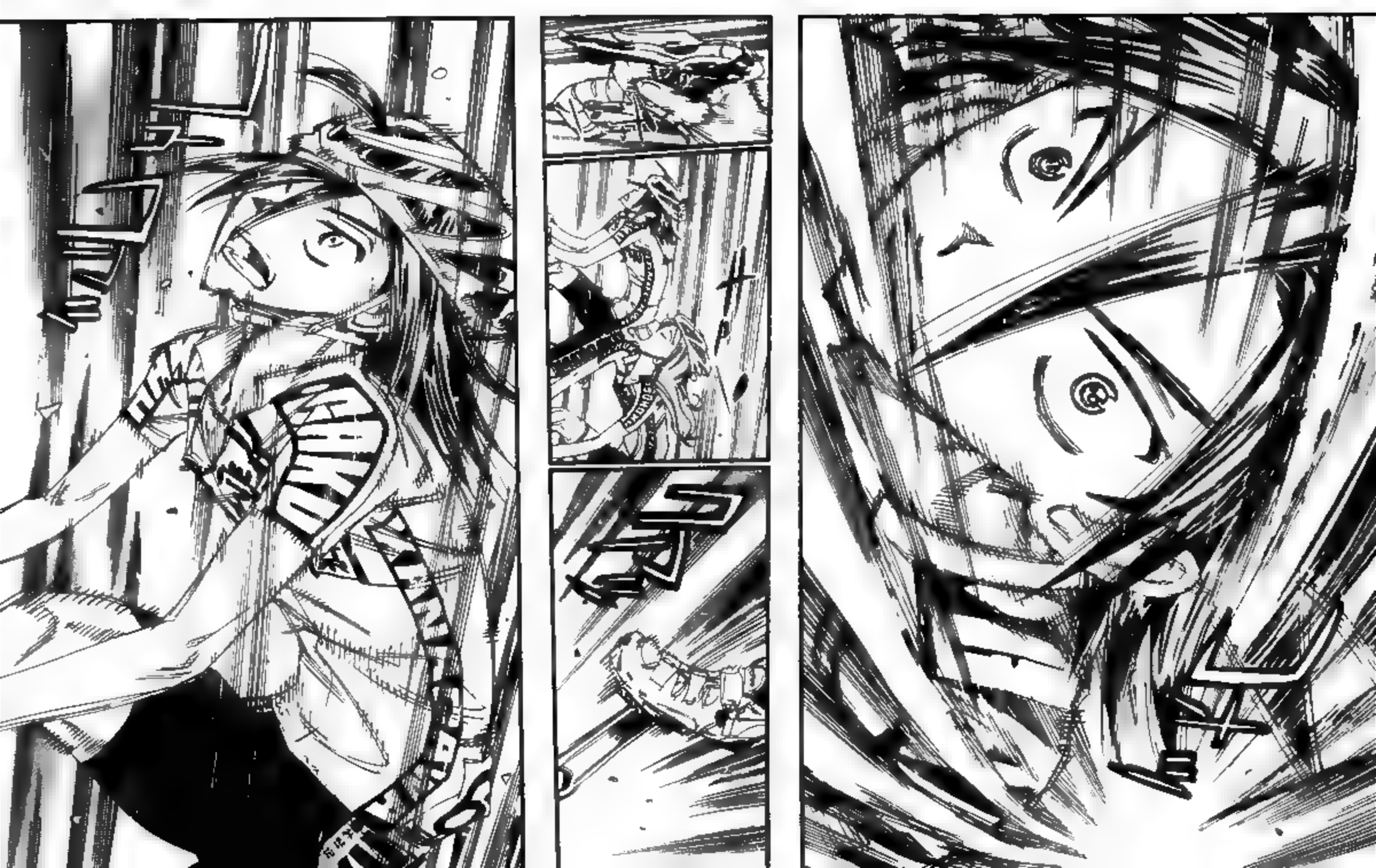
...
MR. ACE CLIMB-ERS
YOU TWO APPEAR QUITE TIRED...
SHO!!
WHY
DOES THAT GUY ALWAYS KEEP SHOWING UP AT THE WRONG TIME!!
HE'S GOING AFTER THE GOAL!!
SINCE HE'S HERE, THAT MEANS
FROM HERE!!
HE'S COM-ING !!
!!

THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU WEREN'T ALREADY SO TIRED.
SENDING THAT WEENIZUMI-KUN AS SOHOKU'S ACE!
ANYWAY, YOU SURE GAVE ME A LAUGH!
I CAN ONLY THINK PUPU
THAT YOU'VE GIVEN UP ON THE RACE!!
SHO !!
RAAA AAAA AAH!!
DAMN IT!!
SOHOKU
GAKU

WE'VE TRUSTED IMAIZUMI WITH THE GOAL
SO
ALL OF US!!
I CAN'T LET YOU GET PAST ME!!
AT ALL COSTS!!
AFTER HIM, MANA-MI!!



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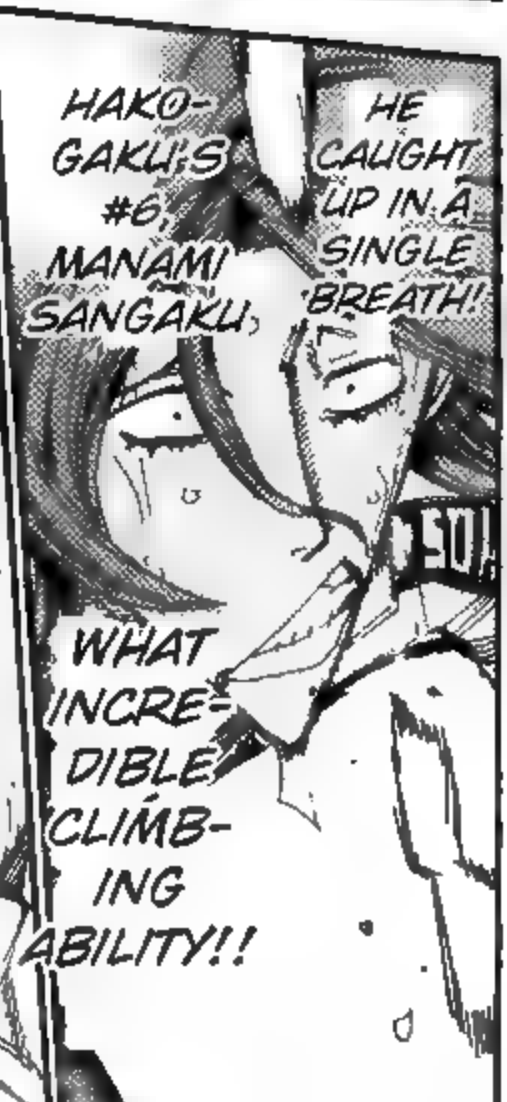
OKAY.

WHAT ARE YOU?
THE TRUMP CARD?

PROTECT OUR ACE!!


HAKO-GAKU'S #6, MANAMI SANGAKU,
HE CAUGHT UP IN A SINGLE BREATH!
WHAT INCRE-DIBLE CLIMB-ING ABILITY!!

I GUESS WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE WHICH OF US IS FASTER.
THOSE EYES... THEY DON'T HAVE THE LOOK OF SOMEONE INTERESTED IN PROTECTING HIS ACE.
PU PU...

IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY MATCH WITH TOUDOU...!! THIS IS BAD! IMAIZUMI IS THE ONLY SOHOKU UP THERE!!
GUH ...!!
IF I DON'T DO SOME-THING, HAKO-GAKU WILL HAVE TWO FOR THE GOAL!!

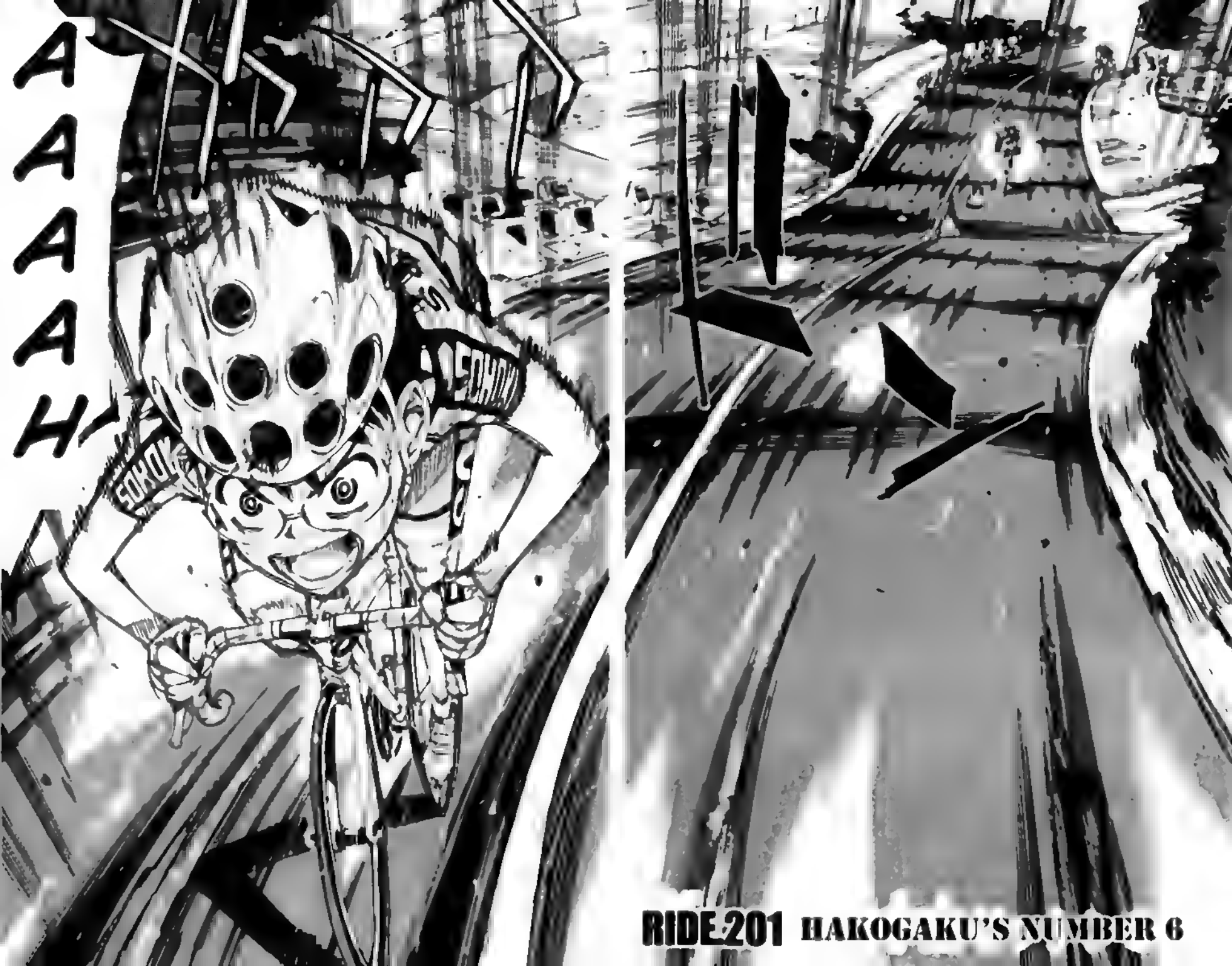
SAKA-
MICHI
!!
!!
AFTER ALL, HE'S STILL JUST
THERE'S NO WAY HE KEPT UP WITH THAT HIGH-SPEED OFFENSE-DEFENSE JUST NOW...
...WHAT DID I EXPECT?!
A BEGINNER--
UM!

KWAH...
WHY ARE YOU OVER THERE, SAKAMICHI...
FOKE
THIS IS IN-HIGH. IT'S THE THIRD DAY. "SHOULD I CHASE AFTER THE FRONT," YOU SAY?
YOU IDIOT
THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING!
YEAH!! THAT'S RIGHT!!
PEDAL!!
TURN!!
FROM THIS POINT ON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY BEHIND!!
...HE WAS OVER THERE?!
MAKISHIMA-SAN!!
SHOULD I, UM
CHASE AFTER THE FRONT TOO?!
KANZAKI
YOWAMUSHI

OUR ACE !!
OKAY !!
SA-KA-MI-CHI !!
USE UP EVERY-THING !!
PRO-TECT

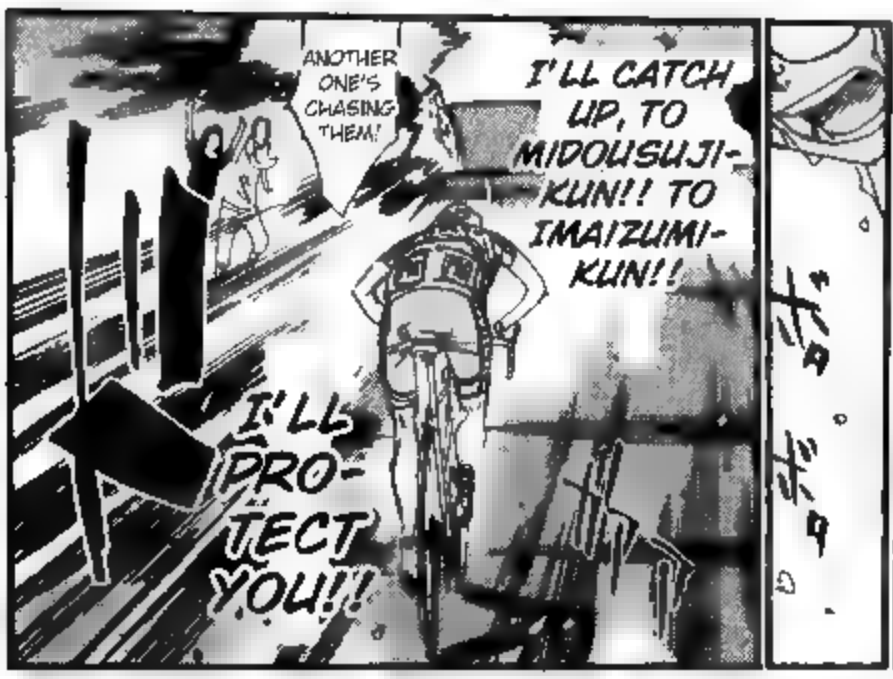
RIDE.201 HAKOGAKU'S NUMBER 6

OKAY!!
FIRST THROUGH THE GOAL!!
OKAY!!
THESE ARE THE LAST WORDS I'LL GET TO SAY TO YOU!
GO WITH IMA-IZUMI
PROTECT OUR ACE!!
AND MY
DREAM
KIN-JOU'S
AND SLAM OUR SOHOKU JERSEY
TADO-KORO'S
NARU-KO'S



RIDE.201 HAKOGAKU'S NUMBER 6

TO MAKE DREAMS A REALITY!!
BECAUSE UP 'TIL NOW, YOU'VE ALWAYS MANAGED
DOES THE WEIGHT OF IT ALL FEEL HEAVY TO YOU? SAKAMICHI
BUT YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO IT


ANOTHER ONE'S CHASING THEM!
I'LL CATCH UP, TO MIDOUSUJI-KUN!! TO IMAIZUMI-KUN!!
I'LL PRO-TECT YOU!!

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I'LL CATCH UP.

WAIT FOR ME, IMA-IZUMI-KUN!!

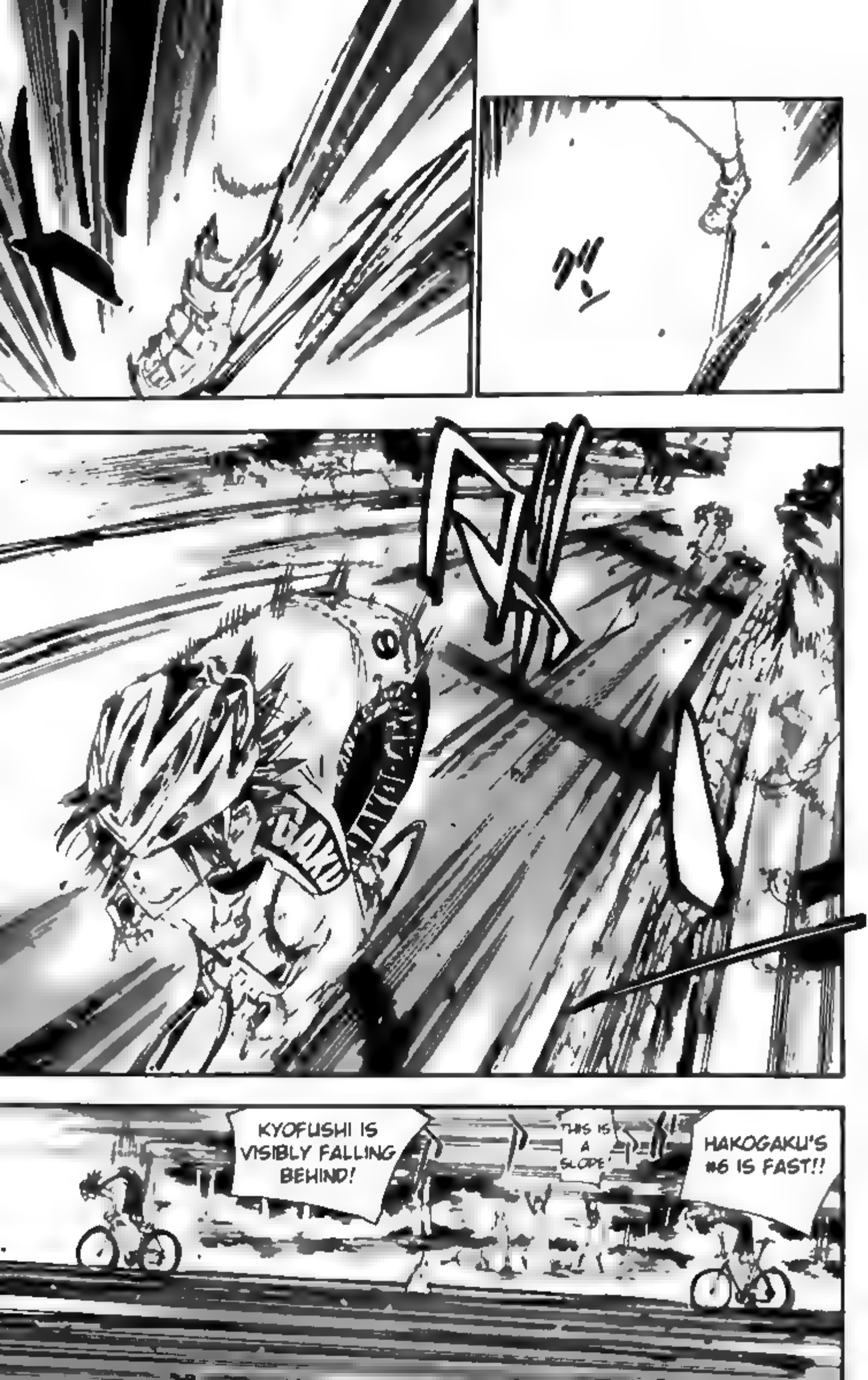
NATUR-
ALLY.
YOU'RE KEEP-ING UP!!
I LOVE SLOPES.
AFTER ALL,
"PROTECT OUR ACE"
TOUDOU-SAN

NAH, IT'S FAN-SERVICE
WHAT IS THAT, A SHOW OF ACROBATICS?
IT FIRES YOU UP, DOESN'T IT?
ROGER THAT!!
WHEN THE ENEMY APPEARS NONCHA-LANT
LOOK
FOR YOU.
HAKOGAKU'S NUMBER 6, MANAMI SANGAKUUU, CLIMBER...
DATA...
MAAA-NAMI

UN-
KNOWN
!!
!!
GAKU
HE'S
FAST
...!!
I
KNEW
IT
THE
NORMAL
METHODS

AREN'T GOING TO WORK!!
LET'S RACE !!
LET'S SEE WHICH OF US IS THE FASTEST
AT REACHING THE ACES UP AHEAD!!
ISN'T IT YOUR JOB TO KEEP ME FROM REACHING THE FRONT?

EITHER WAY, YOU'LL STILL CATCH UP!!
HAH !!
SO, IF WE DON'T COMPETE FIRST NOW
IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE !!


KYOFUSHI IS VISIBLY FALLING BEHIND!
THIS IS A SLOPE
HAKOGAKU'S #6 IS FAST!!

LET'S HAVE A RACE THAT USES ALL OF THE FIVE SENSES !!
MON-STER ?
WHAT A MON-STER.
PUPU, A "WASTE" ...!!
IT'S YOU THAT'S THE MON-STER!!
GET OVER HERE, MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
IF I DON'T UNLEASH EVERYTHING, RACING YOU IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!!

ALL RIGHT, I'M ON BOARD !!
PUPU, YOU SHOW THAT YOU'RE SERIOUS TO NOTE ME HUH
UNTIL I'VE GOTTEN RID OF EVERY-ONE THAT'S IN FRONT OF ME!!
NO MATTER WHAT THE CASE, I CAN'T REACH THE GOAL
IMA-IZUMI-KUUUN
FUKU-TOMI-KUN
AND
HAKO-GAKU'S #6 SPED UP!!
ハァ ハァ
HERE
ハァ
GOES !!

MAAA-
NAMI!!

YOU CAME!! MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!
YOU KNOW ...
REALLY ?
THE WAY YOU SMILE, WHILE YOU BIKE IS GROSS.

WOULD MAKE ANYONE SMILE !!
I THINK GETTING TO DO A CLOSE-CUT RACE LIKE THIS
GAKU
I'M BREATHING HARD AND CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH...
BUT, WHEN I THINK
IT'S THE THIRD DAY OF INTER-HIGH, AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE RIDING SERIOUSLY...
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FOR A WHILE NOW... I WONDER WHY, THAT IS...
BUT...
I'LL CATCH UP. I'LL CATCH UP!!
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AND MIDOU-SUJI-KUN ARE UP THERE AHEAD OF ME...
MA-NAMI-KUN
THAT IMA-IZUMI-KUN
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I GET SO EXCITED THAT I CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE!!
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ハァッ

RIDE 202 MANAMI'S SMILE

HIS SMILE IS DIFF-ERENT FROM FOUR-EYES!!!
SO FAST!!
HAKOGAKU'S #6 AND KYOTO FUSHIMI ARE CHASING AT AN INCREDIBLE PACE!
RIDE.202 MANAMI'S SMILE

THE VERY CORE OF IT IS DIFF-ERENT!!
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SO WHAT? THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.

THERE'S ONLY 15 CENTIMETERS OF SPACE ALONG THE INNER COURSE.

WOW, SO AGGRE-SSIVE.
WHAT-EVER.

IS ALL IT TAKES TO WIN!!
IN A ROAD RACE, BREAKING THROUGH THE WIDTH OF A SINGLE WHITE LINE
DOO
WH-OA
KYOFUSHI GOT AHEAD!
SO FAST!! WHAT THE HECK DID HE JUST DO?!
91
91
6
6
SHOW ME
MAAA-NAMI

KYO-FUSHI IS BREAK-ING AWAY!!
WOW!
SHOW ME THE ESSENCE THAT LURKS BENEATH THAT GROSS FACE OF YOURS
HE'S GOT THE LEGS. HE'S GOT THE SENSE. HE'S CERTAINLY STRONG.
BUT, WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IN THIS LAST RACE
SINCE HE'S WEARING THE LOGO OF THE SCUM KINGS, THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT!
YOUR THIRST
YOUR ATTACH-MENT
IS YOUR INDIVID-UAL MENTA-LITY!!
THE FACE THAT DOESN'T TELL ME AT ALL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!!

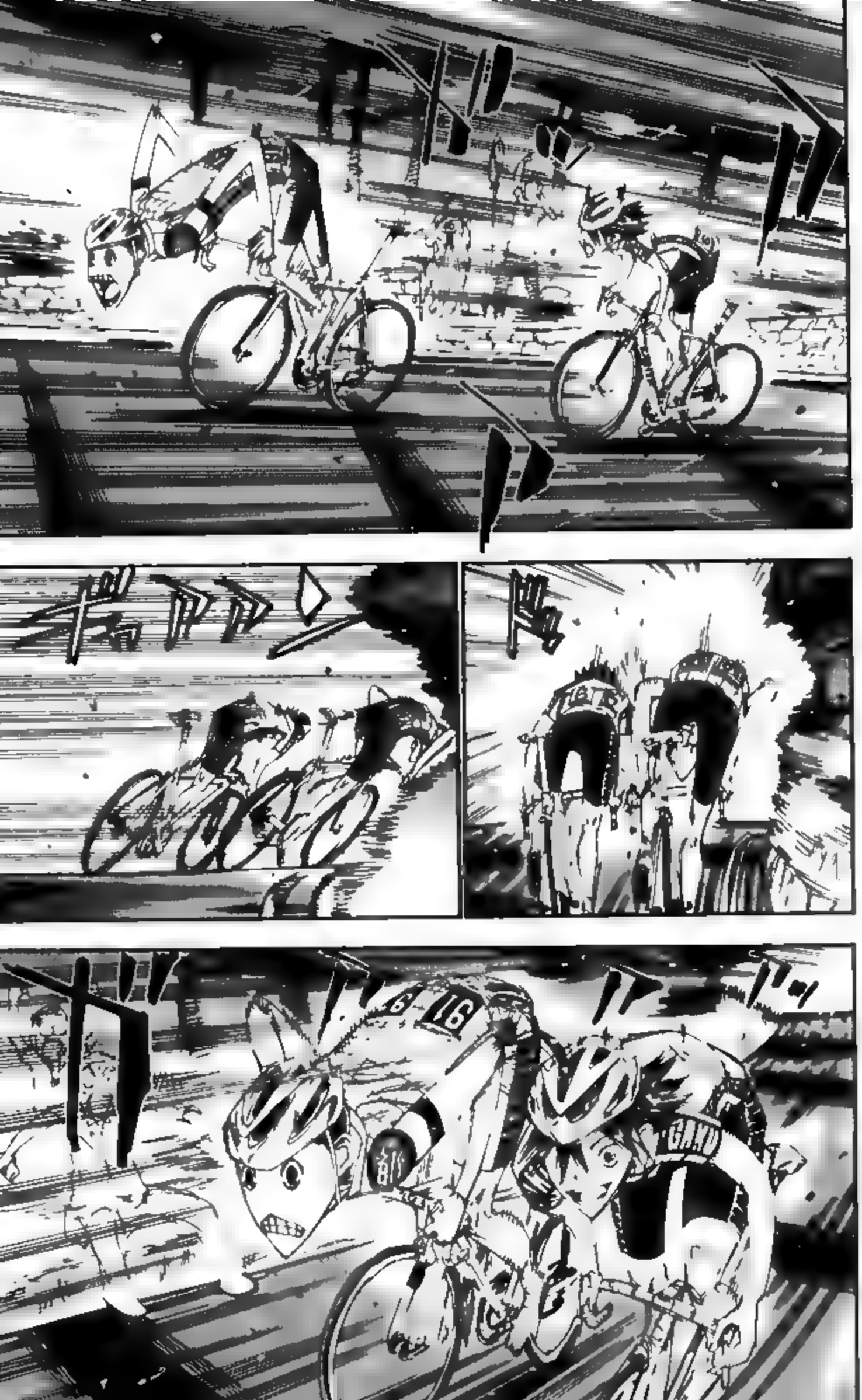
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
YOUR DESIRE FOR THE GOAL!!
THIS RACE IS A DISADVANTAGE FOR ME.
MAAANAMIKUN
IN THE END, IT'LL ONLY INCREASE HAKOGAKU'S NUMBERS TO TWO.
HAA!
THE DISTANCE LEFT TO THE LAST GOAL
WILL YOU-- WILL THE KINGS HAKOGAKU ACCEPT THAT, MAAANAMI...?
10 IS 10 KILOMETERS!!
Km
LET'S GIVE IT A CONDITION...
IN THIS RACE FOR WHOEVER REACHES THE ACES FIRST...
THE LOSER LETS THE WINNER PASS THROUGH THE GOAL FIRST.
HOW ABOUT IT?

IT'S JUST BARELY CUTTING IT CLOSE!!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!!

HAKO-GAKU BREAKS PAST!
SERIOUSLY HOW IN THE HELL--
#6 JUST NOW RODE A REALLY FINE LINE!
WHOA!
HAKO

HE'S FAST!!
HE MADE THE DECISION INSTANTLY. DOES HE NOT THINK? IF HE LOSES, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THE GOAL!
NO
GROSSS SSSS!!
!!
HE NEVER ONCE CONSIDERED THAT HE'D LOSE IN THE FIRST PLACE!!

GROSSS
SSSSS
!!



KYO-FUSHI COMES OUT ON TOP!!
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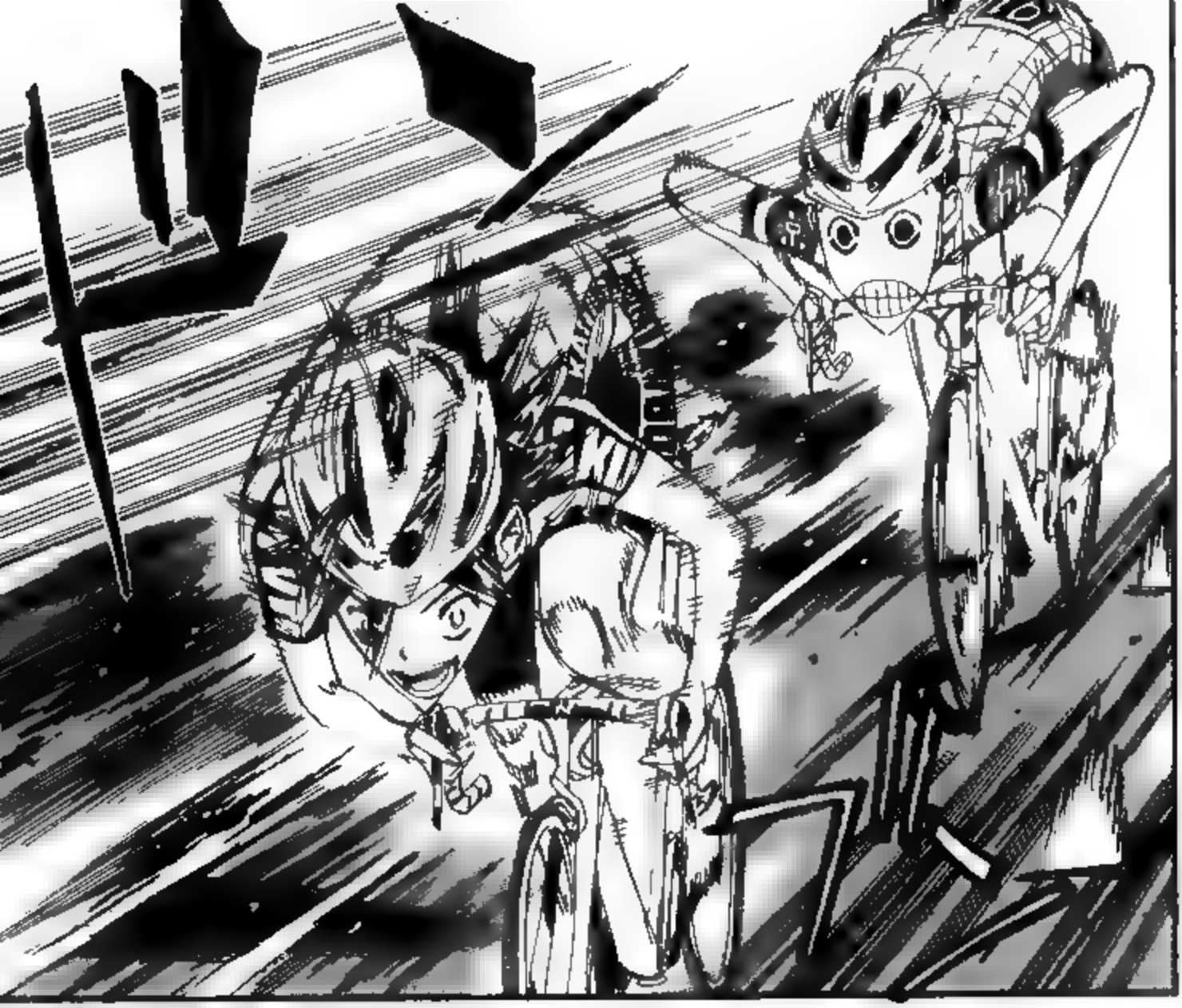
IT'S SO CLOSE
SO CLOSE ...
BUT I LOVE THIS.
IT MAKES ME... FEEL ALIVE !!

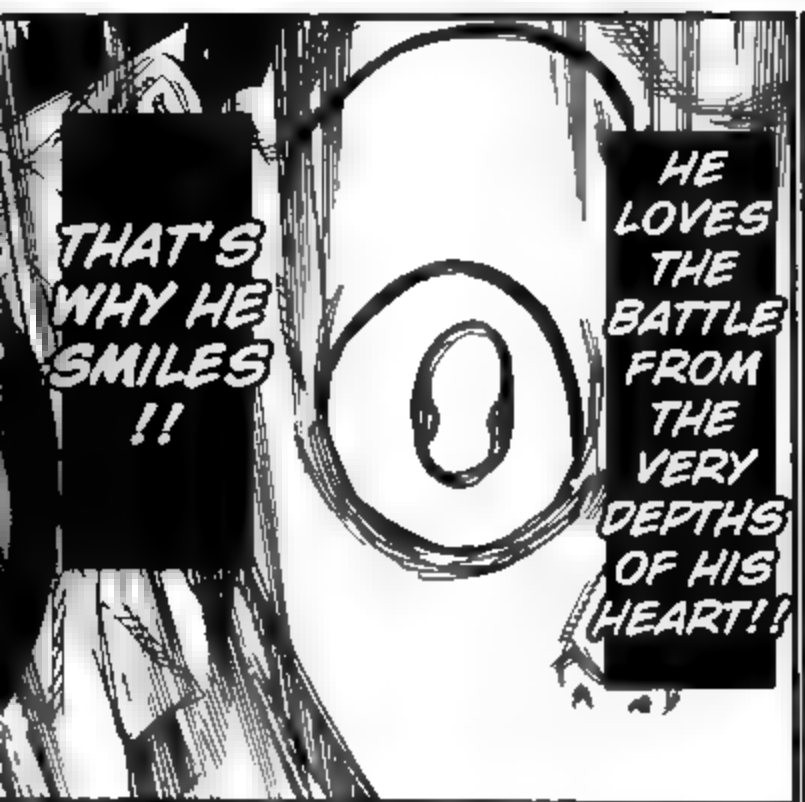
HEY
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
WHEN YOU'RE IN CLASS, DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU'RE ALIVE?

GOING OUT-SIDE
FEEL-ING THE AIR
SAN-GAKU!!
COME ON, WAKE UP!
I DON'T !!

LSNG ALL THE POWER THROUGHOUT YOUR BODY TO CHASE THEM, MAKING IT A CLOSE BATTLE...
STRUGGLING AND USING EVERY MEANS NECESSARY TO BRING DOWN THE ENEMY N FRONT OF YOU
RELEAS-ING ALL OF YOUR FIVE SENSES
FEELING THE WIND AND THE RAIN AND THE SUNLIGHT AND THE COLD
HOLDING YOUR OWN AGAINST THE ROAD AND AGAINST NATURE
"DEATH"!!
IT'S DURING THOSE TIMES THAT IT COMES BOILING UP
YOU GET IT TOO, DON'T YOU? EVERYONE IS LIKE THAT.
BUT
I THINK THAT'S THE CLOSEST THING TO "DEATH" THAT YOU'LL EVER GET!

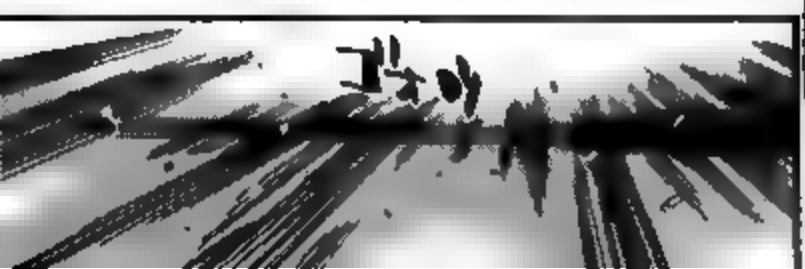
THE FEEL THAT YOU TRULY ARE ALIVE!!
THAT'S WHY I
RIDE BICYCLES !!




THAT'S WHY HE SMILES !!
HE LOVES THE BATTLE FROM THE VERY DEPTHS OF HIS HEART!!

THE MAN WHO FAVORS A CLOSE BATTLE, MANAMI...
THE "RISKIER" IT IS, THE MORE IT FIRES HIM UP!!

WHOA! HAKOGAKU JUST SHOT UP IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
SO FAST!
WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE TWO?!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YOU
AREN'T GROSS.
DO YOU WANT TO SEE?
I STILL HAVE A CARD UP MY SLEEVE!!
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KANAGAWA
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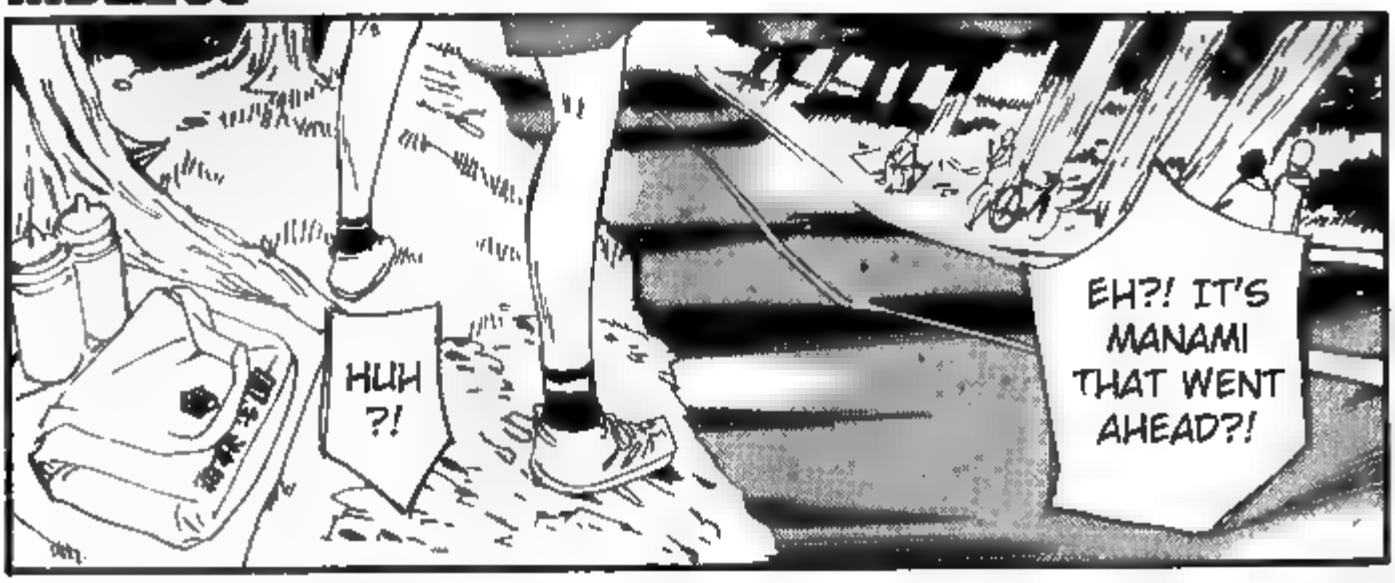
RIDE.203 WIND



THE ONLY ONE CHASING KYOFUSHI'S MIDOUSUJI IN THE RACE FOR THE TOP IS
WAIT, THEN THAT MEANS
FOR REAL?!
TOUDOU-SAN IS BEING HELD BACK BY SOHOKU'S MAKISHIMA?!
WHAT ABOUT TOUDOU-SAN?!
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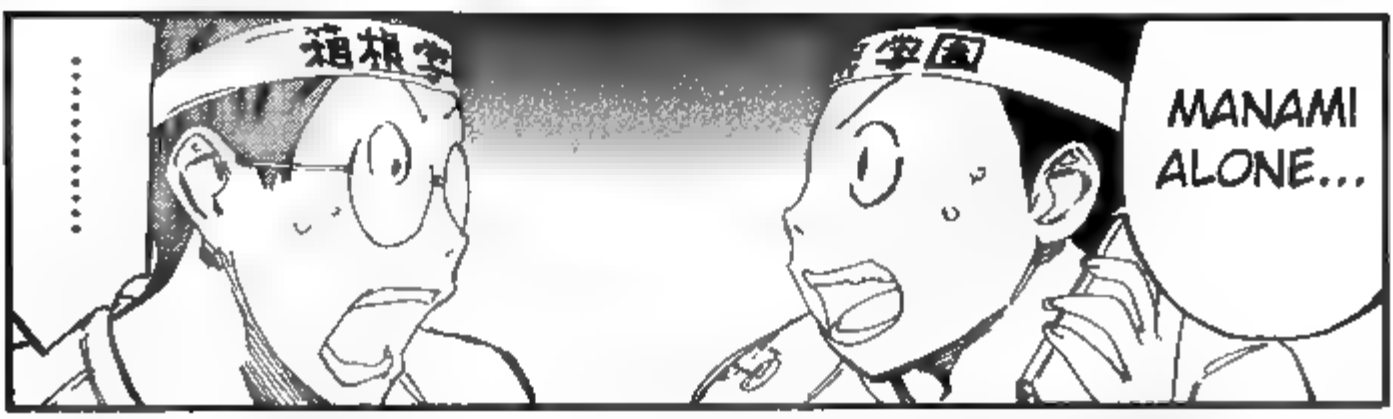

BESIDES, THERE'S STILL THAT RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT HE GOT PICKED FOR IN-HIGH BECAUSE OF A LUCKY WIND!
HE'S ALWAYS GOT HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS...
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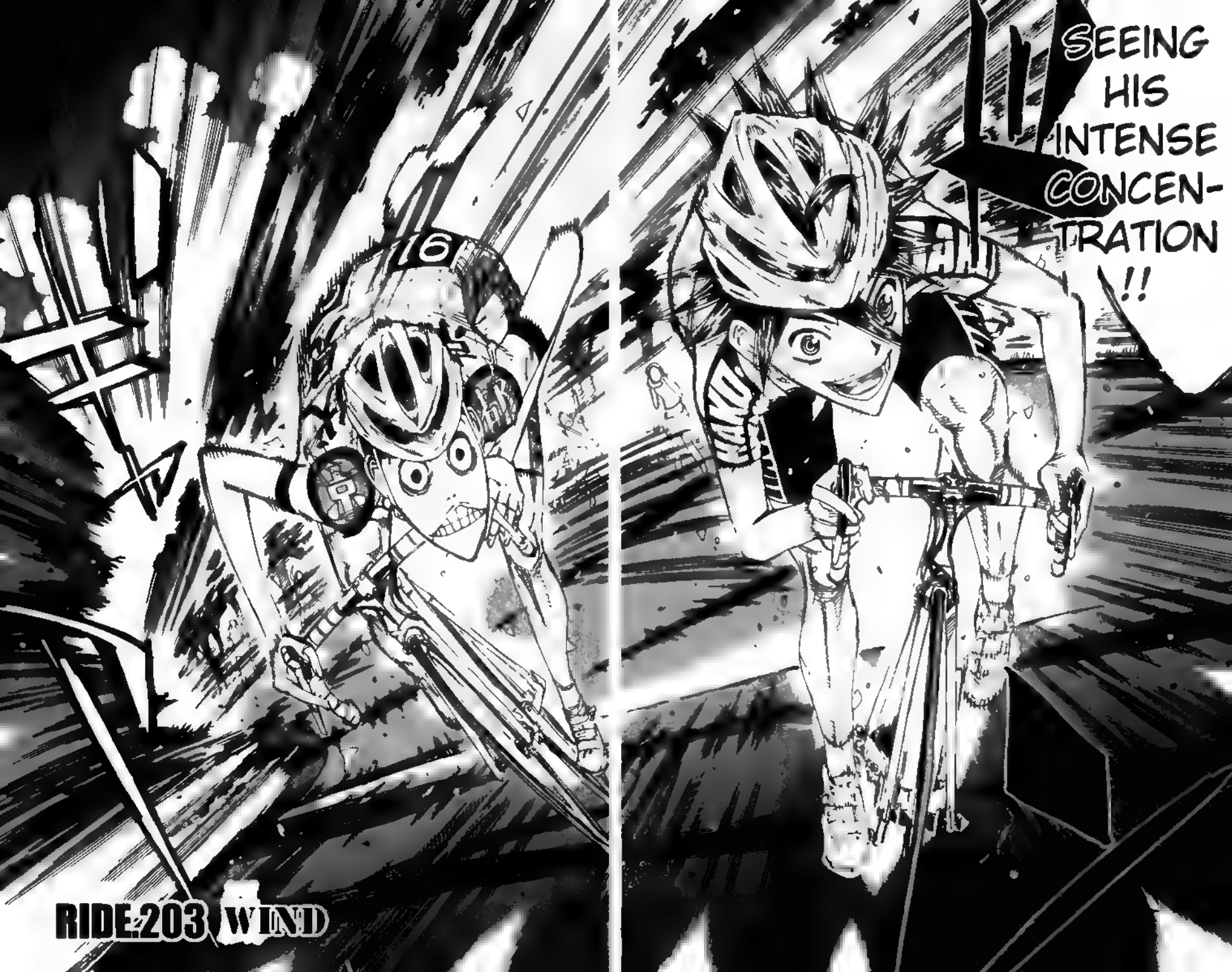
UGH! THAT GUY WILL NEVER MAKE IT!

KURO-DA-SAN!!
WHEN HE AND I
FOUGHT IN THE F-TEAM'S SELECT-ION BLOCK
I ♥ PEAK
学園
ON WHO GOT TO GO TO IN-HIGH
HILL CLIMBS AREN'T THAT SIMPLE.
AH...
SHIT, THAT'S RIGHT, IT WAS KURODA-SAN WHO...
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I THINK.
PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT A WIND PICKED UP BY CHANCE, ALLOWING HIM TO WIN AGAINST ME

YOU FIGHT AGAINST GRAVITY ON A CLIMB, SO THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN ACCIDENTAL WIN...
THERE WAS A CHANCE OF WINNING. THAT'S WHY HE MADE A MOVE.
I ALWAYS PRACTICE WITH HIM AND HE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING IMPRESSIVE.
BUT... HE'S ALWAYS SPAC NG OUT.
TO BE HONEST
HE COULD SEE IT.
IS WHETHER YOU SEE THAT CHANCE OF WINNING OR NOT.
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE, I'D HAVE TO SAY
I CAN TELL.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S SMILING
IT'S ENOUGH TO G VE YOU SHIVERS
THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS PRACTICE.
WHEN HE'S SERIOUS... WHEN HE'S FIGHTING FOR REAL...


SEEING HIS INTENSE CONCEN-TRATION !!
RIDE.203 WIND

HERE
GOES
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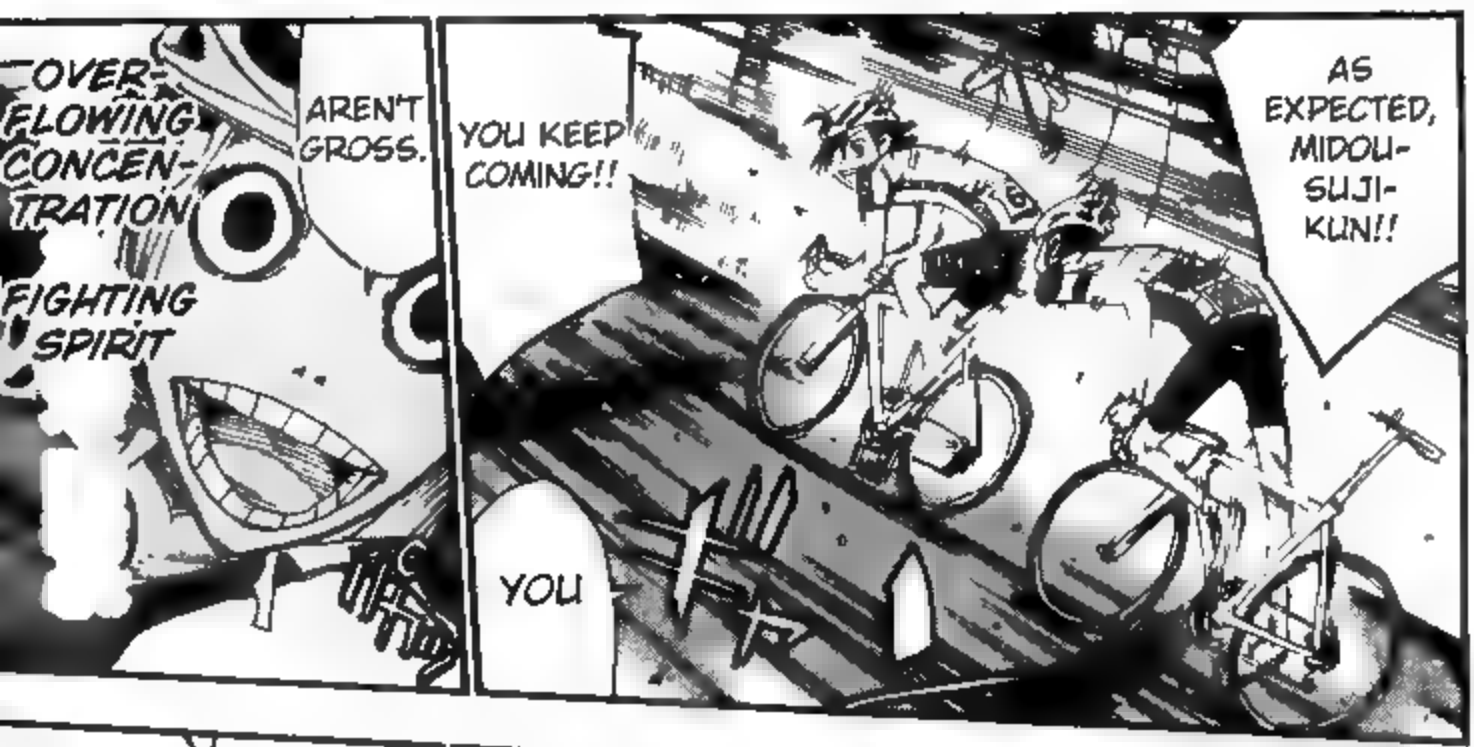

AS EXPECTED, MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!
YOU KEEP COMING!!
YOU
AREN'T GROSS.
OVER-FLOWING CONCEN-TRATION
FIGHTING SPIRIT

HE'S OF A DIFFE-RENT MAGNI-TUDE
FROM THE OTHER COM-MON ZAKU!!
SHOULD YOU BE USING SO MUCH OF YOUR ENERGY?
PU PU
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOUR ACE EVEN F YOU REACH THE FRONT, AT THAT RATE.
WELL, SOMEONE AS STRONG AS YOU DID ME THE FAVOR OF CATCHING UP TO ME
LIKE I SAID, IT WOULD BE A WASTE IF WE DIDN'T COMPETE FIRST HERE!!
ALSO, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT MY CONDITION WHEN CATCHING UP TO THE ACES.

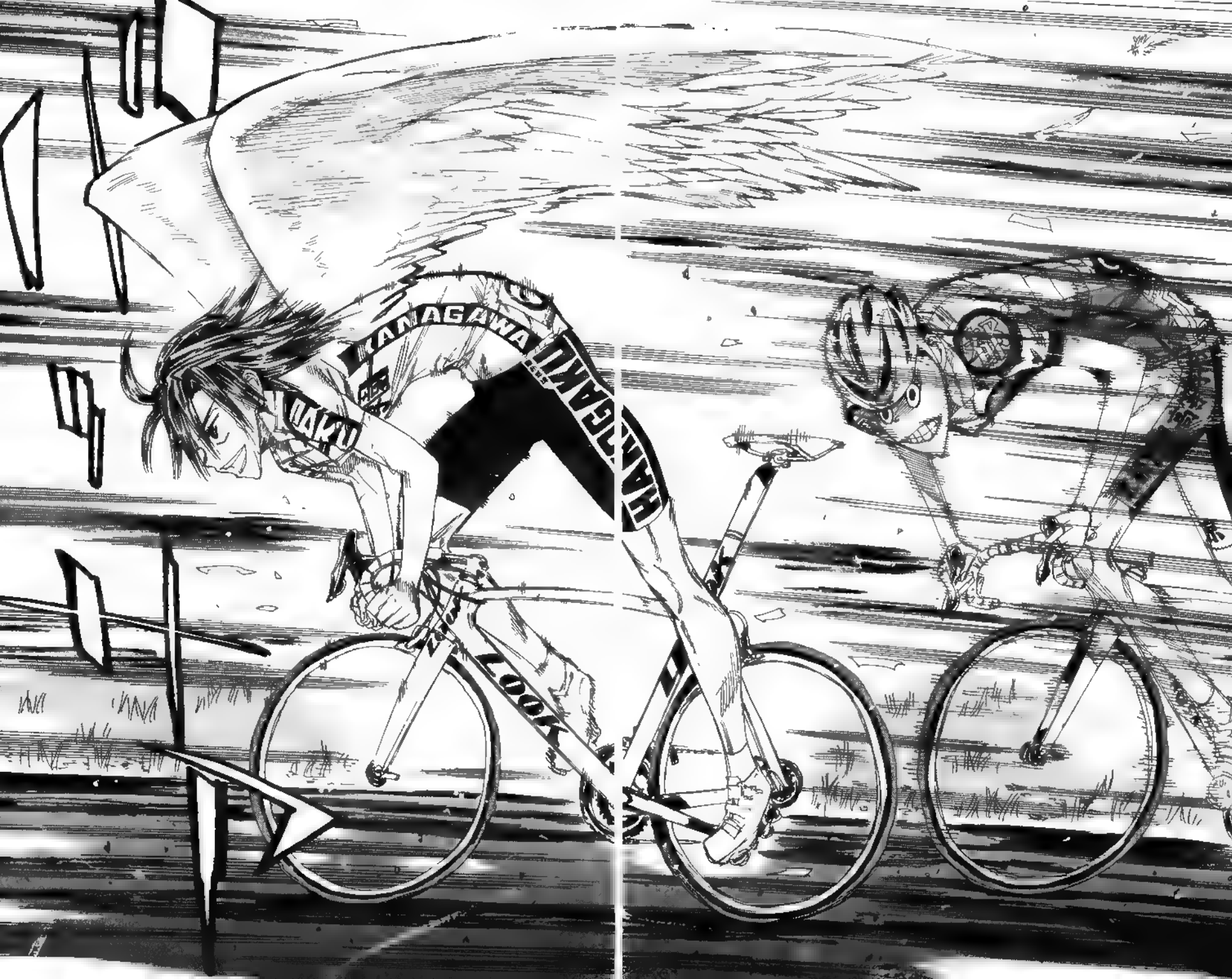
BECAUSE AT THE NEXT CURVE
YOU'LL BE EATING MY DUST.

I FEEL IT...

IT'S COMING ...
WHAT IS THAT, A WARNING ?
..
DIVER-SIONARY TACTICS, MAAANAMI?
I FEEL IT!!
MIDOU-SUJ-KUN, A ROAD RACE
IS A FIGHT WITH NATURE !!

IT WON'T MAKE THE SLOPE GENTLER FOR YOU
BECAUSE ITS INCLINE S TOO HIGH
BUT NATURE IS HUGE!! YOU'RE NO MATCH AGAINST IT!!
IT WON'T CHANGE TO COOLER TEMPERATURES BECAUSE YOU FEEL HOT.
SO THAT'S WHY
KYO-FUSHI GETS AHEAD !!
NATURE ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN CONQUER FROM THE START.

I LISTEN TO IT INSTEAD.
HERE?!
HE'S COMING?!
THE SOUND OF GEARS?
HE UPSHIFTED?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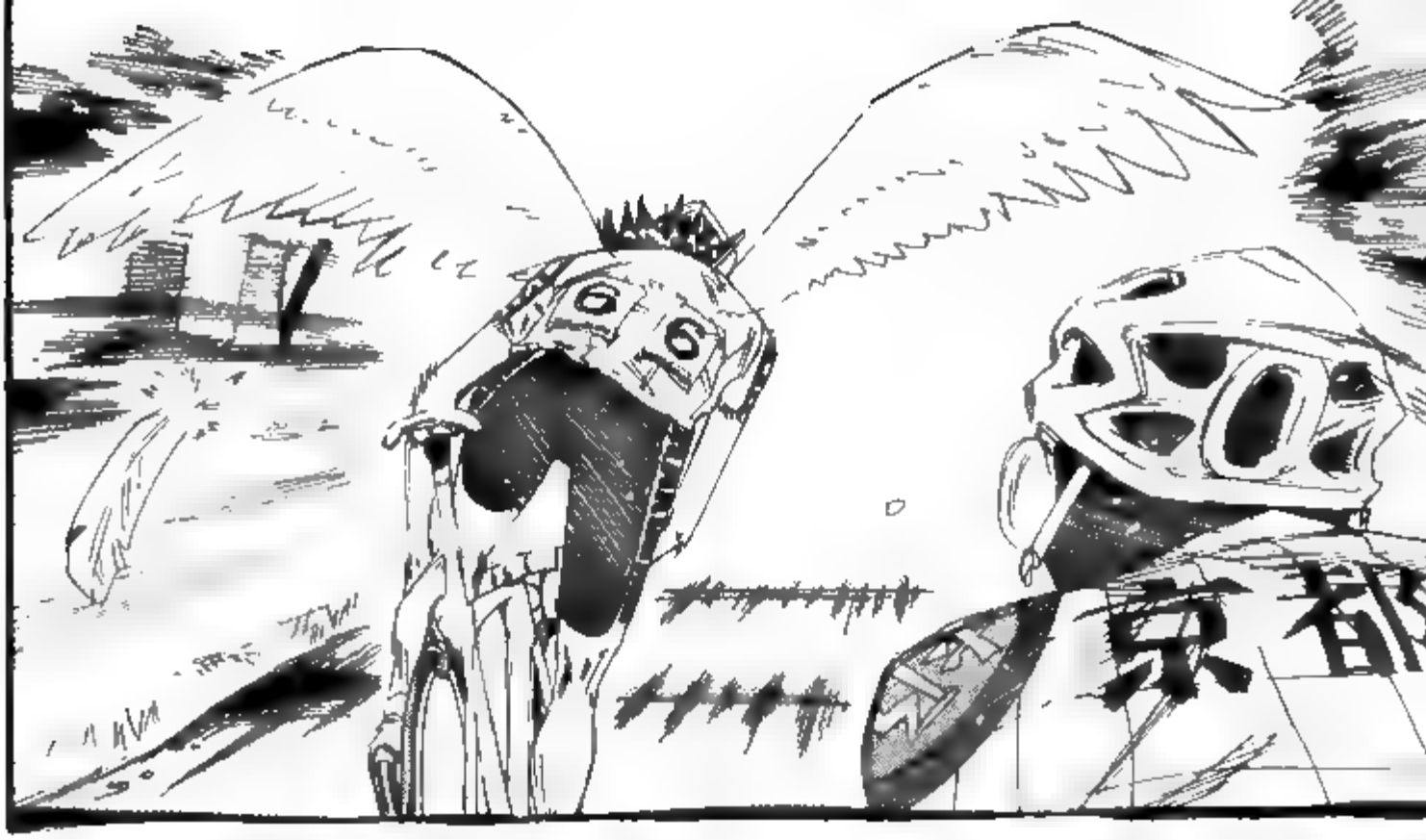
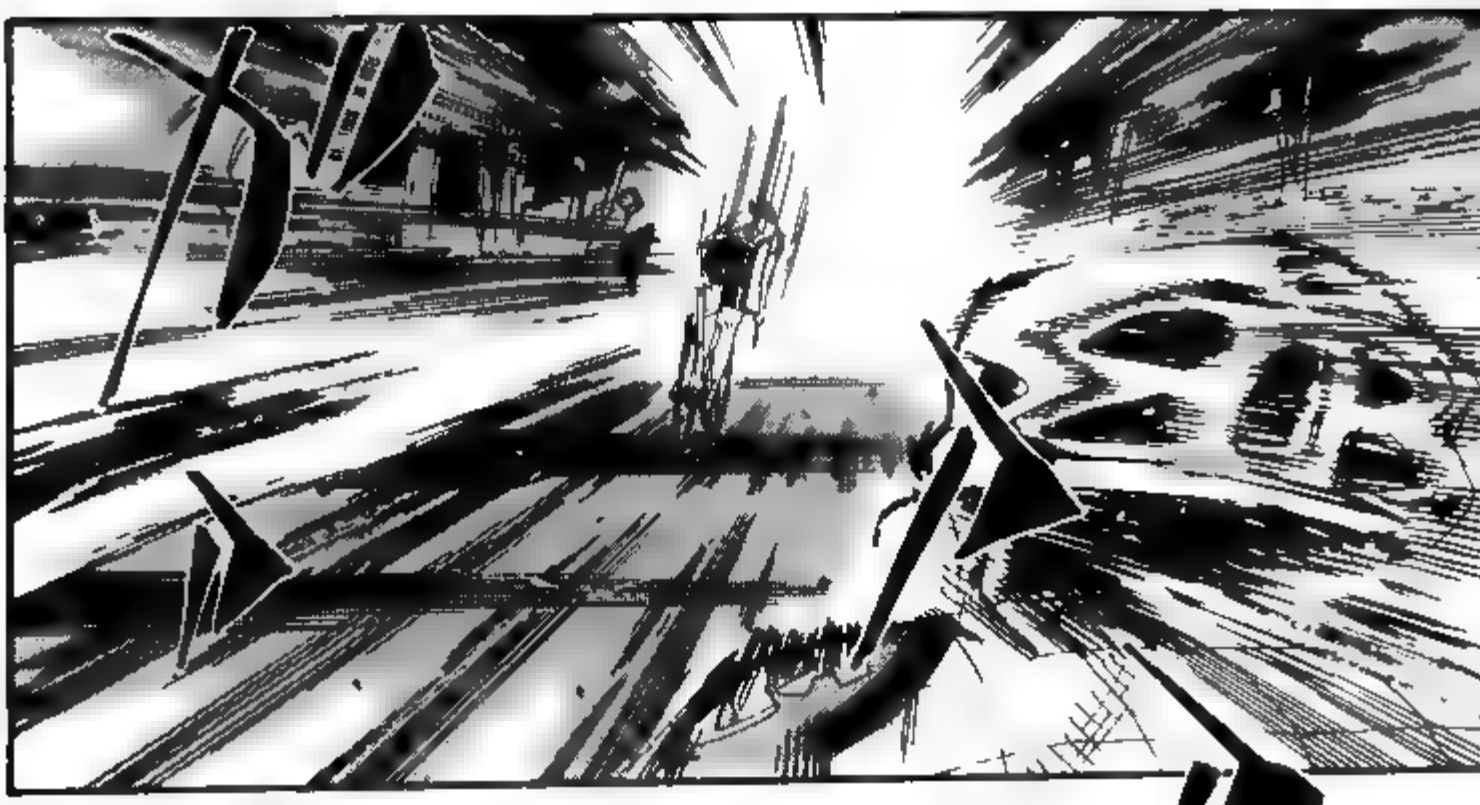
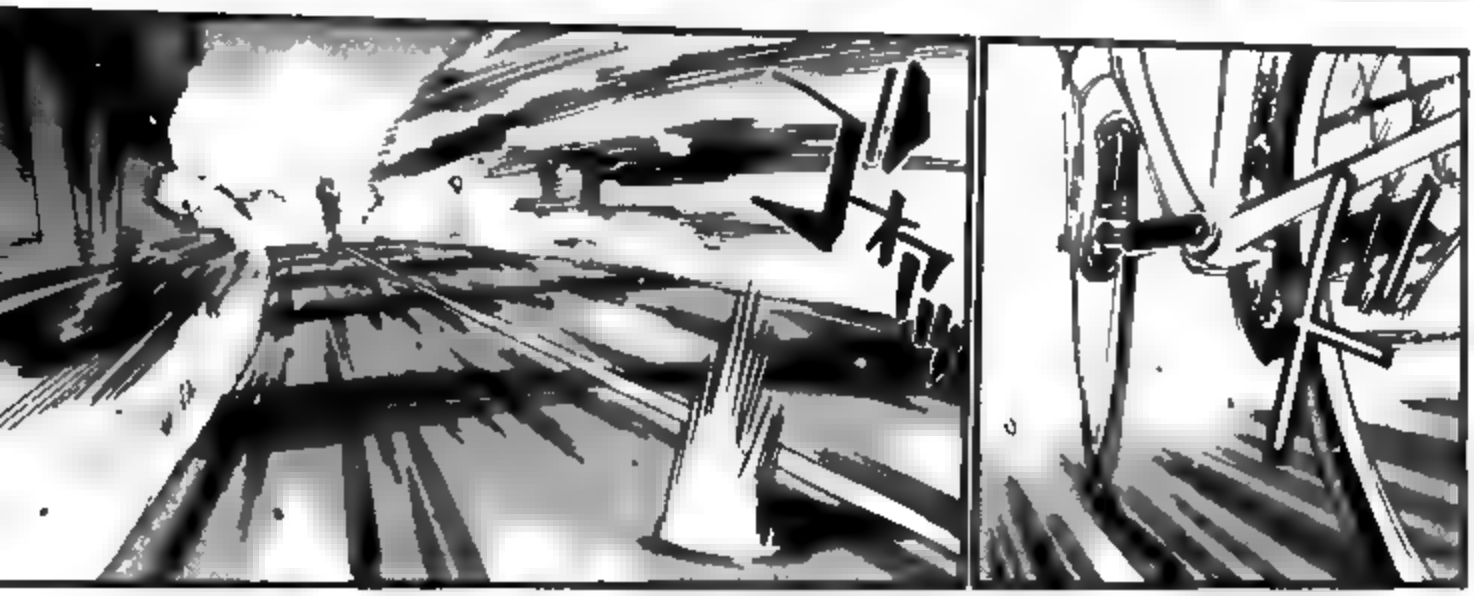
LOOK

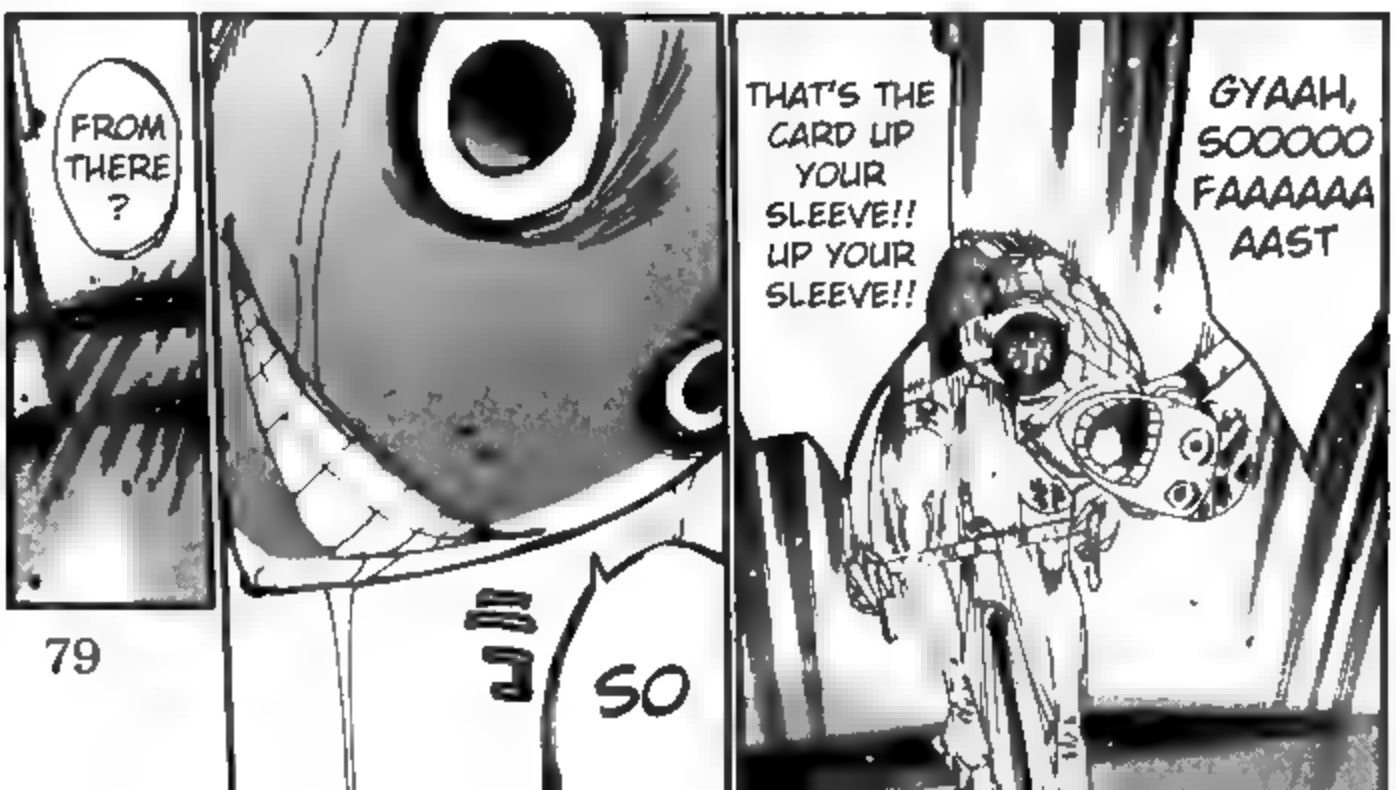


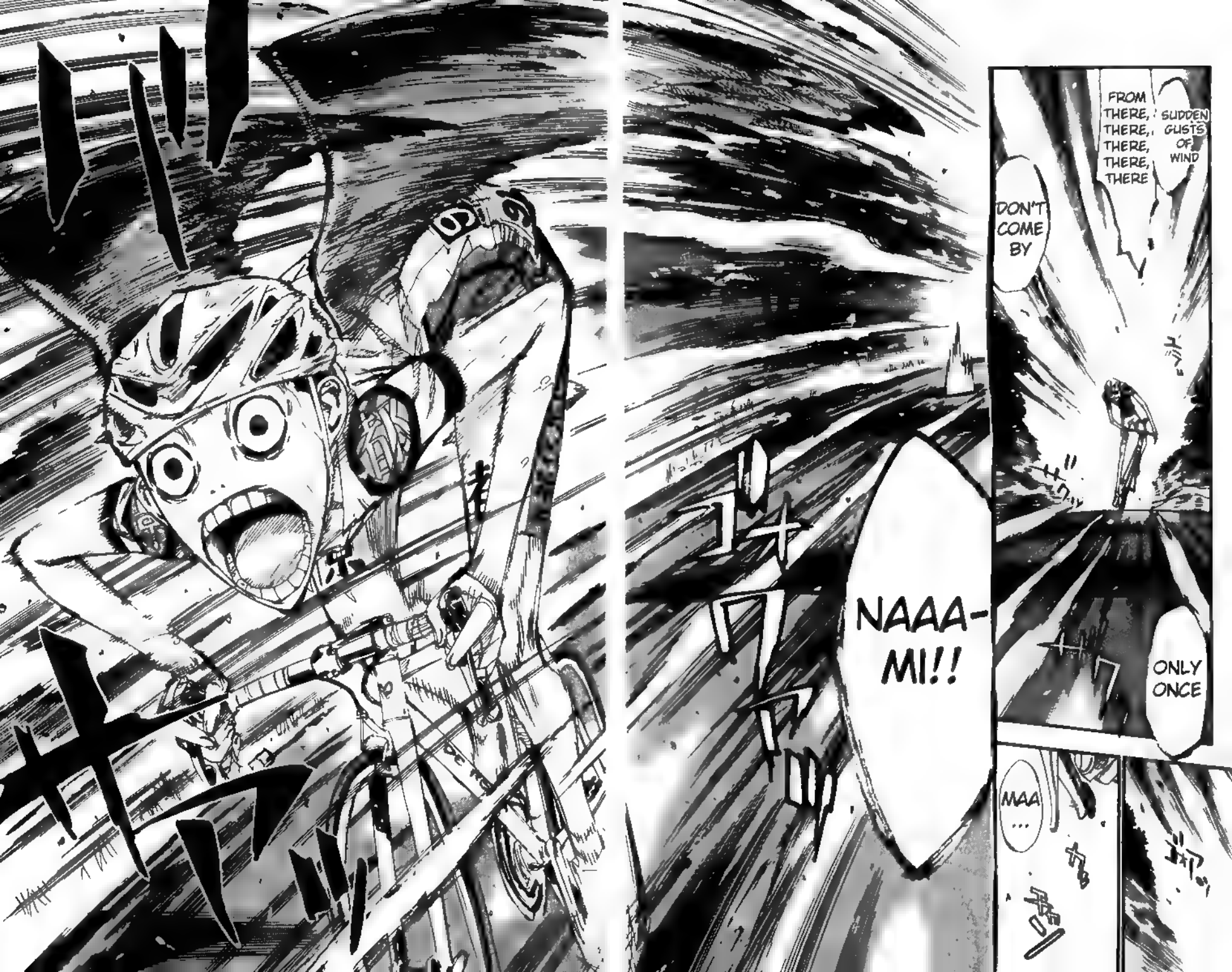


YOUR "CARD"?
KYO-FUSHI FALLS BEHIND!
IS THAT...
WHAT WAS THAT, WINGS?!
I THOUGHT I SAW WINGS FOR A SECOND!
IT'S THE WIND! HE USED THE SUDDEN GUST TO HIS ADVAN-TAGE!
THE WAY HE SPED UP JUST LIKE THAT WAS REALLY WEIRD!
NO WAY!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
#6!

I WIN THIS ROUND !!
SORRY, BUT




FROM THERE ?
SO
THAT'S THE CARD UP YOUR SLEEVE!! UP YOUR SLEEVE!!
GYAAH, SOOOOO FAAAAAA AAST


NAAA-
MI!!
FROM THERE, THERE, THERE, THERE, THERE
SUDDEN GUSTS OF WIND
DON'T COME BY
ONLY ONCE
MAA ...

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LIKE THIS ?
MAA
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
NAMI !!
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THEY'RE COMING ...!!
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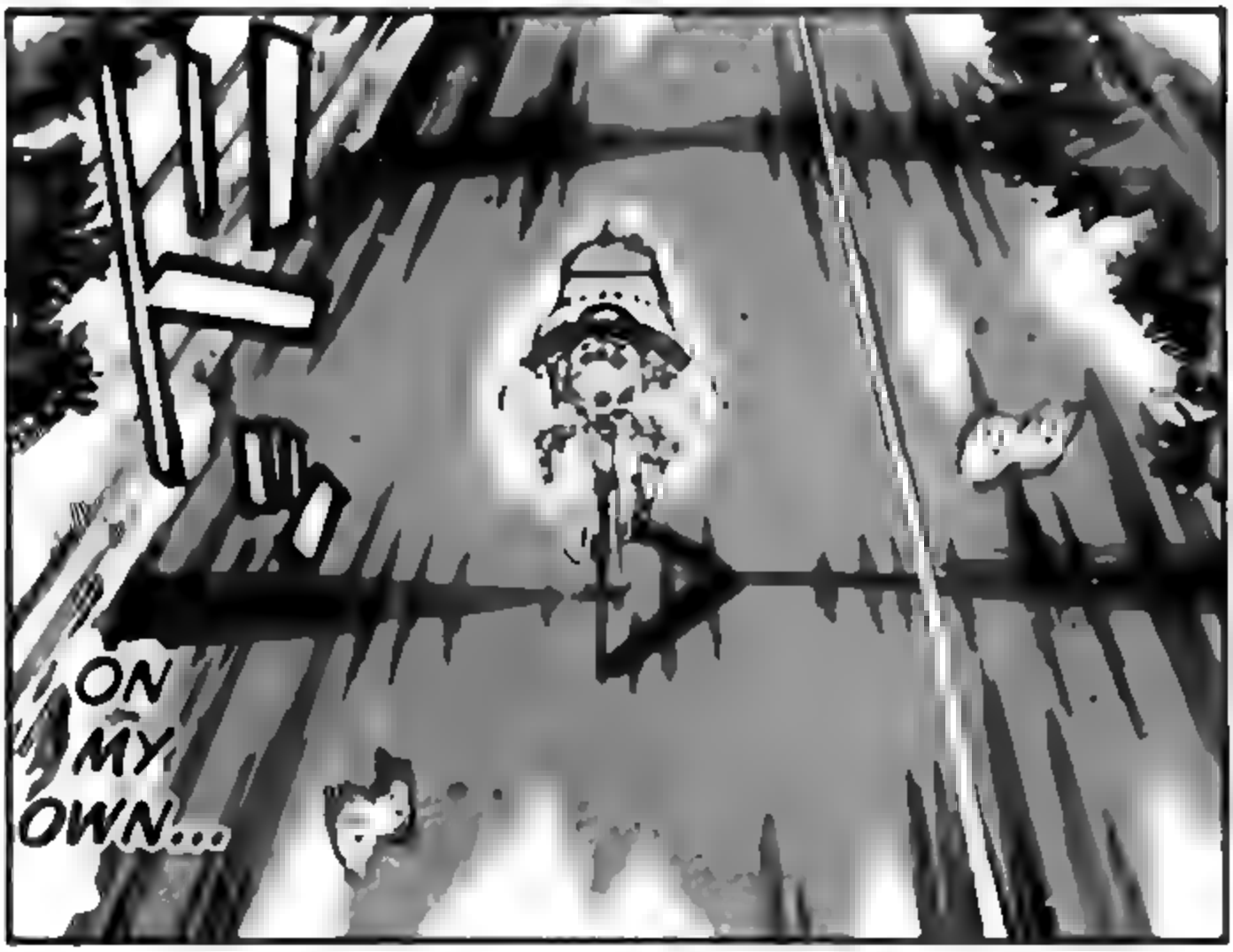
TWO...
MIDOUSUJI... AND HAKOGAKU'S MANAMI...
FROM BEHIND

NO...
PLUS ONE MORE.

RIDE 204 STEP BY STEP



"USE UP EVERY-THING, SAKA-MICHI"
AND MAKI-SHIMA-SAN
SENT ME OFF.
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PROTECT OUR ACE
OKAY !!
I AM CLIMBING THIS INTER-HIGH SLOPE ALL ON MY OWN RIGHT NOW.
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THE FAST MA-NAMI-KUN
AHEAD OF ME IS THE STRONG MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
AND THEN CATCHING UP TO THE ACES SO THAT I CAN PROTECT IMAIZUMI-KUN
CATCHING UP TO THE BOTH OF THEM
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IS MY JOB

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STEP BY STEP

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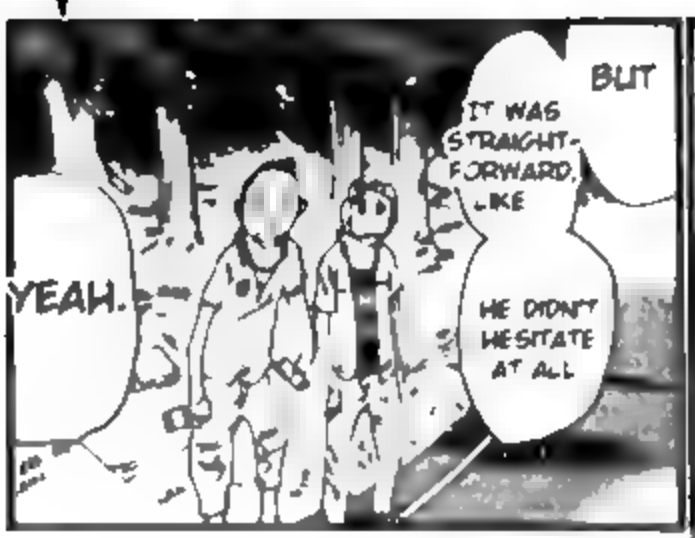
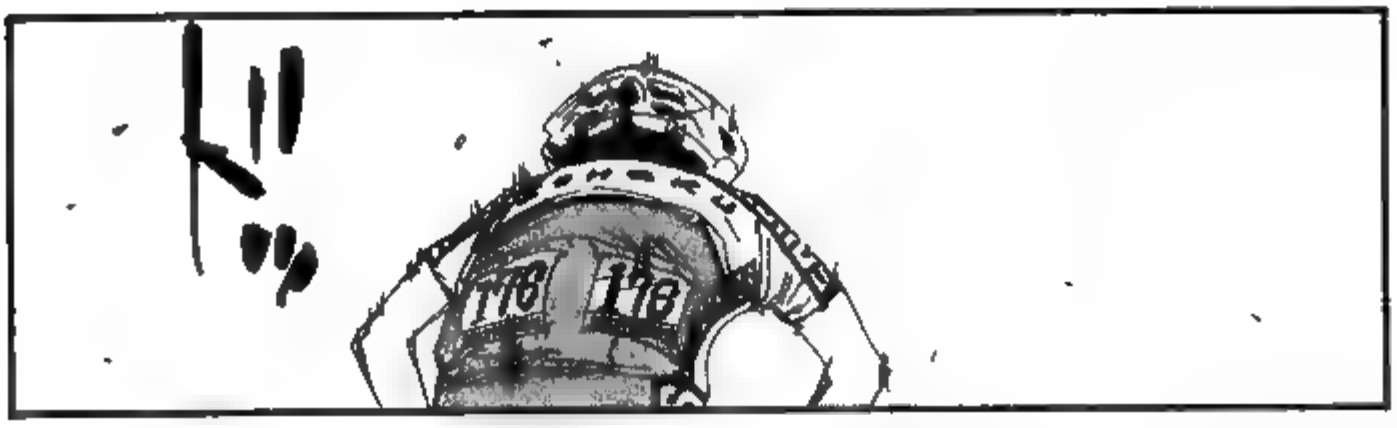
SO
FAST


BUT
IT WAS STRAIGHT-FORWARD, LIKE
HE DIDN'T HESITATE AT ALL
YEAH.

WHAT WAS THAT CRAZY BIKING ANYWAY?
HOLY SHIT, #176 IS SO FAST!!
HE MADE A REALLY WIDE TURN FROM THE OUTSIDE
ISN'T THAT REALLY INEFFICIENT?



LEAVE THEM BEHIND, EVEN IF THEY ARE YOUR TEAMMATE
IF ANY OF US ARE INJURED, OR HAVE REACHED THEIR LIMIT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESCUE THE OTHERS THE WAY YOU DID TODAY
ACT ACCORDINGLY TO THE CHANGES AND DON'T LET YOUR ONE CHANCE GET AWAY
THE SITUATION WILL CHANGE MOMENT BY MOMENT.
IT'S LIKELY THAT TOMORROW, ON THE THIRD AND LAST DAY
NOT ALL OF US WILL BE MAKING IT TO THE GOAL.

KIN-JOU-SAN ...!!

THOSE OF US WHO HAVE GRABBED THAT CHANCE CAN JUST RIDE ON CARYING THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND

TO BE HONEST, IT'S REALLY HEAVY.
IT'S HEAVY.
THIS MEANS THAT I'VE RECEIVED THAT CHANCE, IS IT?
IT'S MY TURN TO SUPPORT THE OTHERS THIS TIME.
IF THE OTHERS FALL
THEN IT IS YOU WHO WILL HOLD THEM UP.
BUT
NO ONE ELSE CAN!!
I HAVE TO DO IT
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

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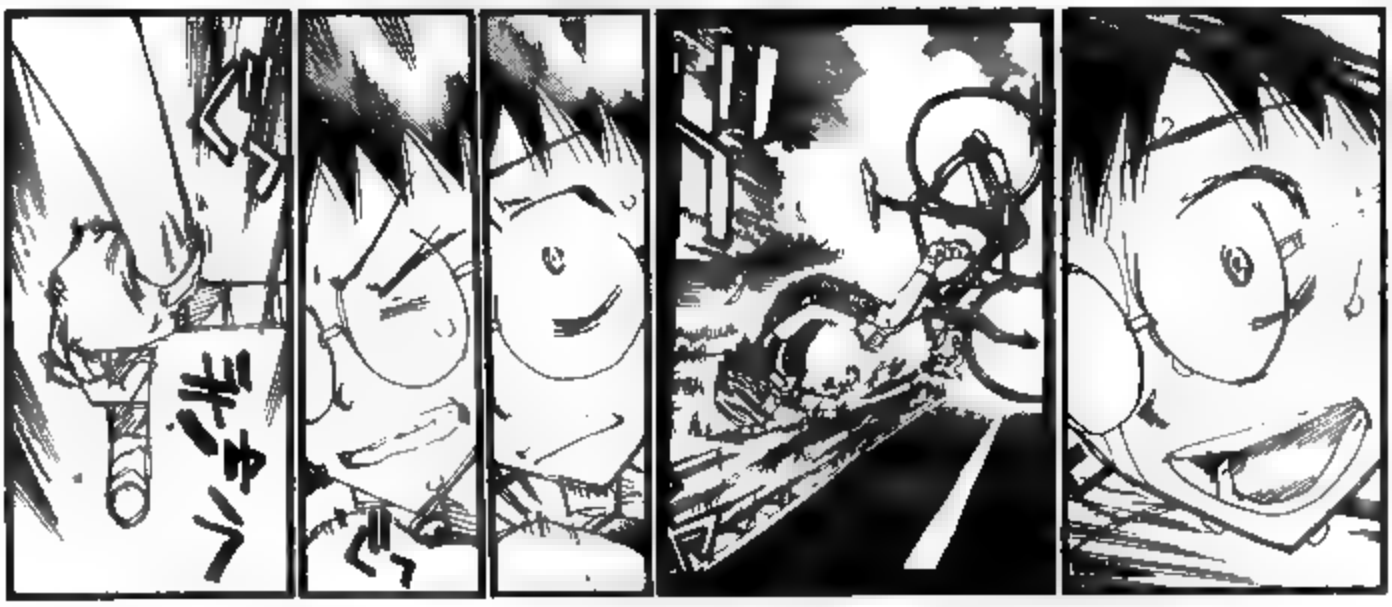
FOR US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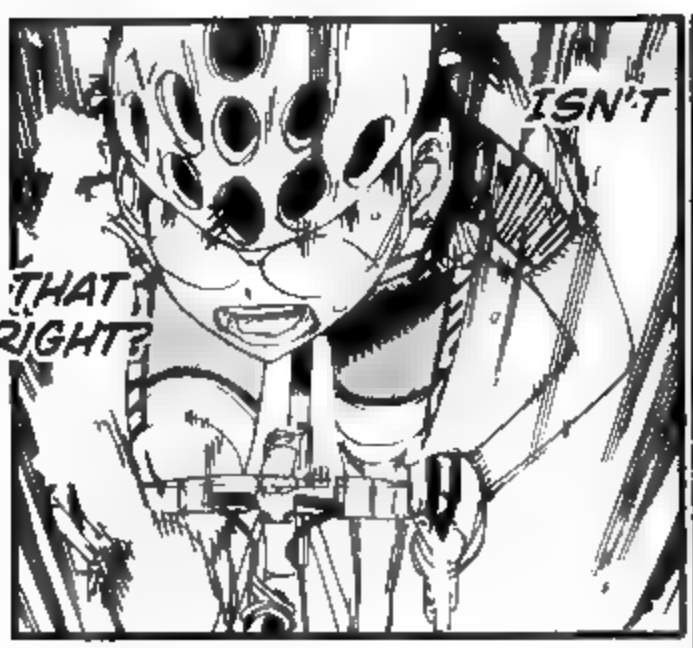
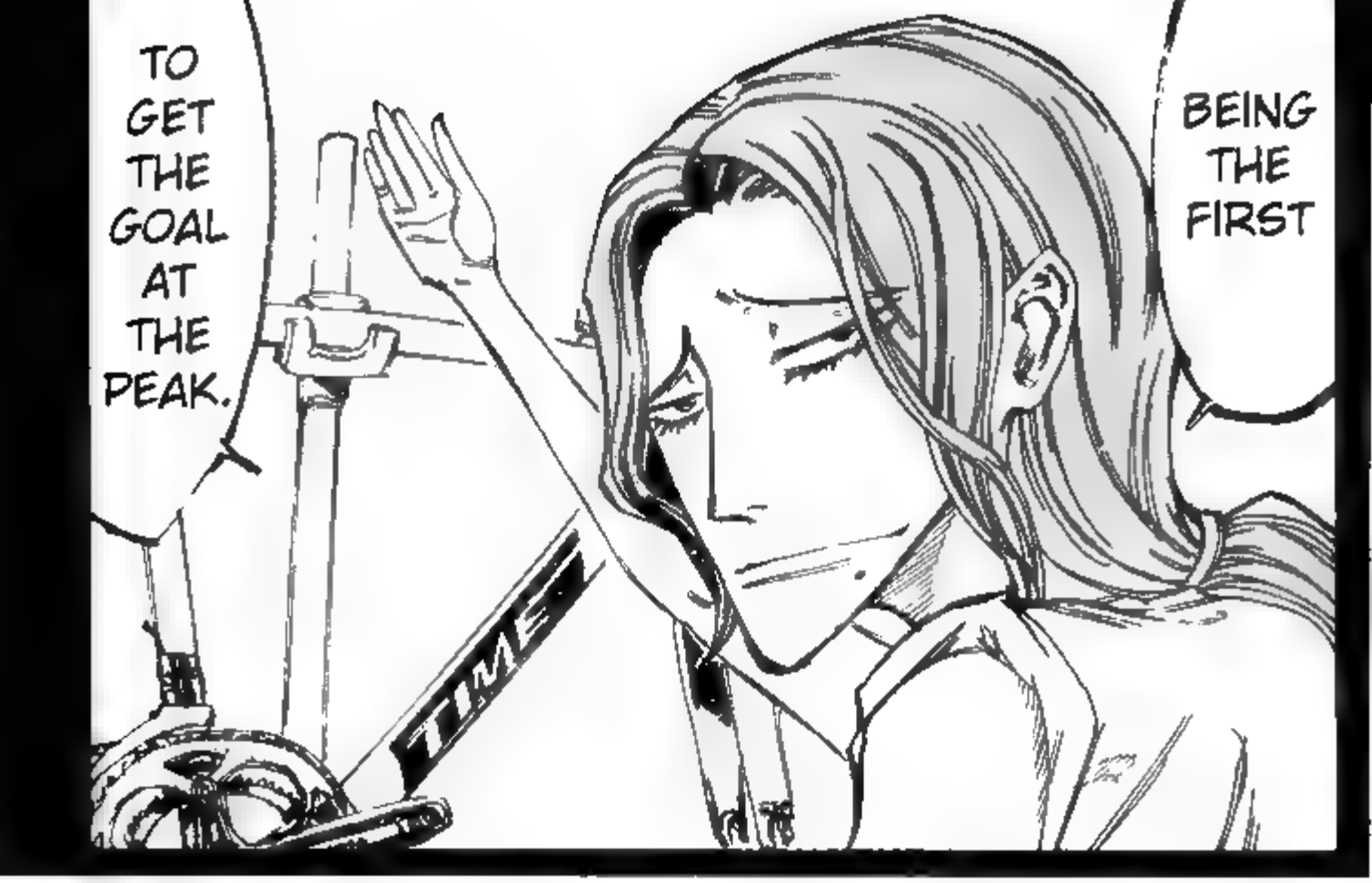

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?

EVERY-
ONE'S
PUTTING
EVERY-
THING AT
RISK
FOR
THIS
RACE.

MAKI-SHIMA-SAN!!
AH
UM, IF IT'S DIFFICULT TO ANSWER, THEN NEVER MIND!
AT IN-HIGH ?
DREAM ?!
ME?
AH ?
I'M SORRY, I-I'LL BE GOING NOW!
THE ANSWER'S OBVIOUS.
IT JUST... MADE ME WONDER FOR A SECOND IF YOU HAD ONE.
AH... UM...
BEST BOY
IT'S THE DREAM OF ALL CLIMB-ERS.
MOUNTAIN


TO GET THE GOAL AT THE PEAK.
BEING THE FIRST
TIME

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EVEN MAKISHIMA-SAN, WHO WAS ALWAYS WITH ME, ISN'T HERE ANYMORE.
9 KILO-METERS TO THE GOAL!!

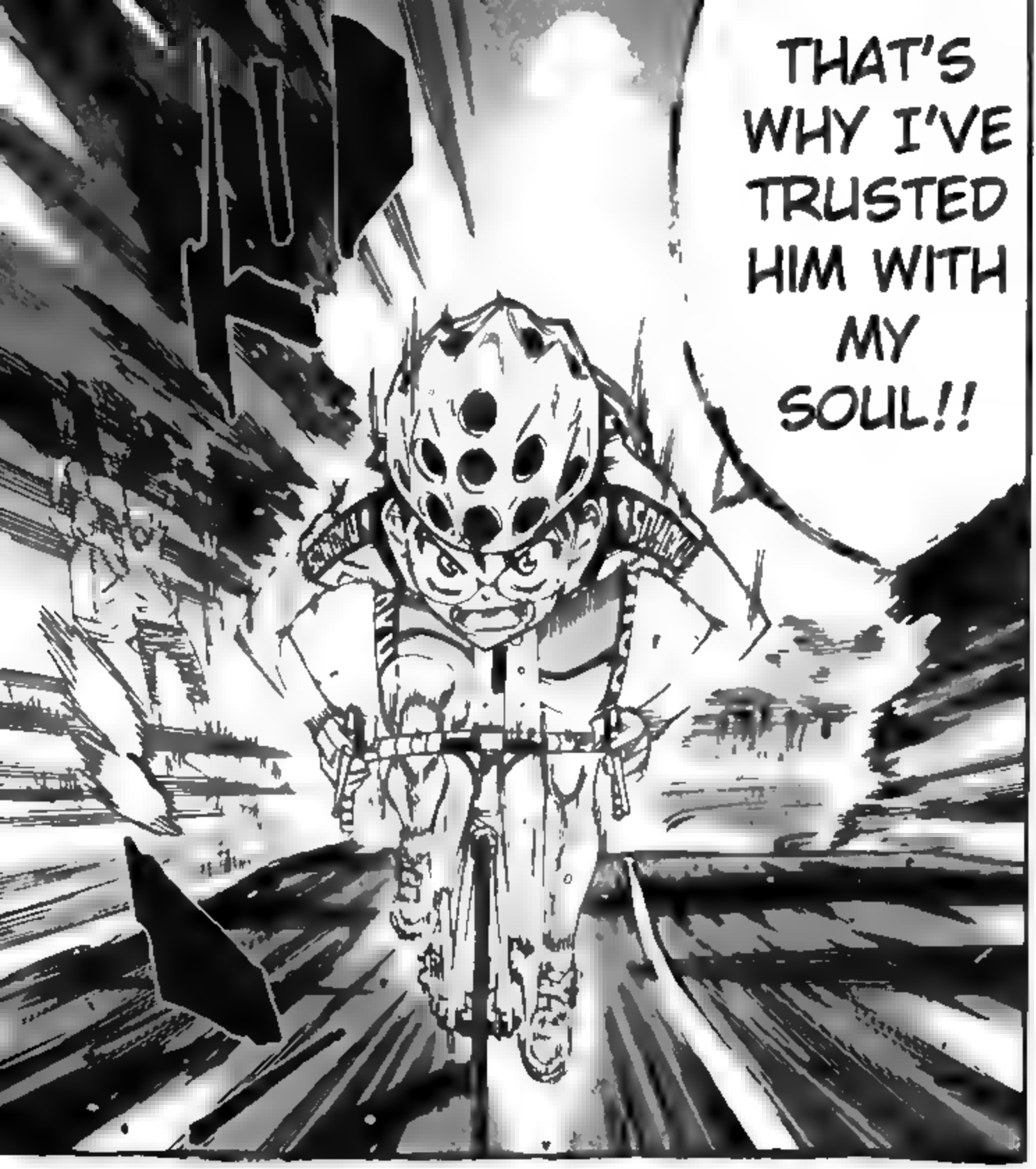
GET STRON-GER.
I HAVE TO
I'M ALONE. I'M ON MY OWN.
GET STRONG-ER.
GET STRONG-ER.
GET STRONG-ER.
STRONG-ER.
STRONGER
STRONG-ER
STR-ONG-ER!!

STRONG-
ER!!
MOVE UP
IN-
CREASE
IT

ANOTHER THIRTY-MORE CADENCE!!
I DIDN'T IMAGINE
THAT ON THIS CLIMB OF IN-HIGH'S LAST STAGE

THE TWO OF US WOULD BE THIS FAR BACK, MAKI-CHAN.
TOU-DOU...
WELL... RACES ARE ALWAYS UNPRE-DICTA-BLE.
MIDOU-SUJI... HUH...
AS I THOUGHT, HE
IS BEYOND ORDI-NARY.
AFTER SHOWING US THAT POWERFUL BREAKAWAY...
RATHER WEAK-HEARTED COMMENT COMING FROM YOU, TOUDOU.
NO.
IT SEEMS THAT MY TEAM HAS A MAN WHO'S BEYOND ORDINARY AS WELL.
I'M NOT WORRIED.
...MA-NAMI, HUH?
HIS CONCEN-TRATION IS ALSO WELL ABOVE AVERAGE
HE FLEW AFTER HIM, GIVING CHASE, AS IF HE HAD ONLY JUST BEGUN THE RACE
FUKU TOLD HIM TO STAY BEHIND ME TO RESERVE ENERGY.
I UNDER-STAND WHY NOW.
HE EVEN USED ARAKITA TO BRING HIM UP FROM THE PACK.

THOSE MONSTROUS TWO ARE NOW UP AHEAD.
WITH GLASSES-KUN BEHIND THEM GIVING CHASE.
TO BE HONEST, THEIR DIFFERENCE IN ABILITY IS PROFOUND.
MAKI-CHAN...
AGAINST MIDOUSUJI'S STRONG PHYSIQUE AND QUICK DECISIONS, AND MANAMI'S FIRST-CLASS CLIMBING
DO YOU THINK THAT GLASSES-KUN WILL BE ABLE TO RECOVER THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM AND CATCH UP?!
OF COURSE!!


THAT'S WHY I'VE TRUSTED HIM WITH MY SOUL!!

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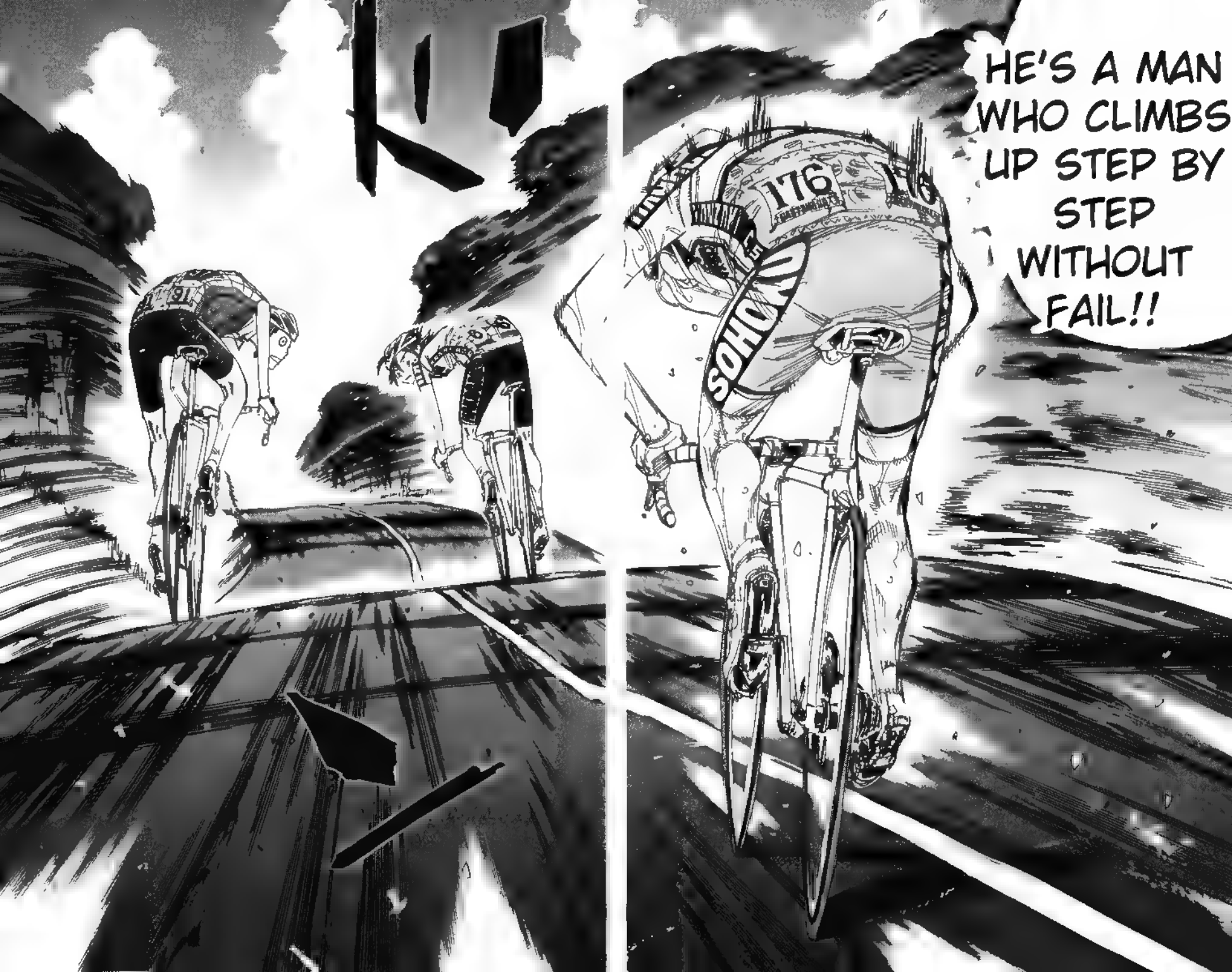
OR COMES TO A STANDSTILL. HE ISN'T ALL THAT SKILLFUL... BUT
HE TURNS TO LOOK BACK


HE'S A MAN WHO CLIMBS UP STEP BY STEP WITHOUT FAIL!!

WHY ARE YOU THERE
SAKA-MICHI-KUN
FOUR ...
EYES ?!
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GHT UP ...
...I
SAHOKU
I'VE CAUGHT UP, MAKI-SHIMA-SAN !!

RIDE.205 "SOHOKU'S FOUR-EYES"

WHAT ARE YOU
WHAT ARE YOU
WHAT ARE YOU
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SAKA-MICHI-KUN!!
WHY
ARE YOU THERE ...
JUST WHAT ARE YOU, SO-HOKU'S FOUR-EYES!!

HAA?!
HE CAUGHT UP?! TO US
THIS GUY... THIS GUY ALONE
THIS GUY THE ANY M
THAT I
DON'T UNDER-STAND
MANAMI-KUN!!
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
I'VE... CAUGHT UP

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT, TO HAVE DRIVEN YOU THIS FAR?
WHY DID YOU CHASE US?
WHAT DID YOU CATCH UP TO US FOR?
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WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO DO?
DURING SUMMER VACATION I WENT TO AKIBA EVERY DAY.
WITH-OUT FAIL.
CA-
CAN ASK YOU SOME THING?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU LIKE ANIME?!
YOU KEEP SAYING "ZAKU" "ZAKU" ALL
WHAT ARE YOU?

WHY HAVE YOU CLIMBED ALL THIS WAY?!
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HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO CATCH UP TO US..
THE TWO OF US WERE
COM-PETING WITH EACH OTHER
SAKA-MICHI-KUN!!
WE WERE RACING ALL-OUT !!
HAKOSAKI

MIDOU-SUJI-KUN...
MA-NAMI-KUN ...
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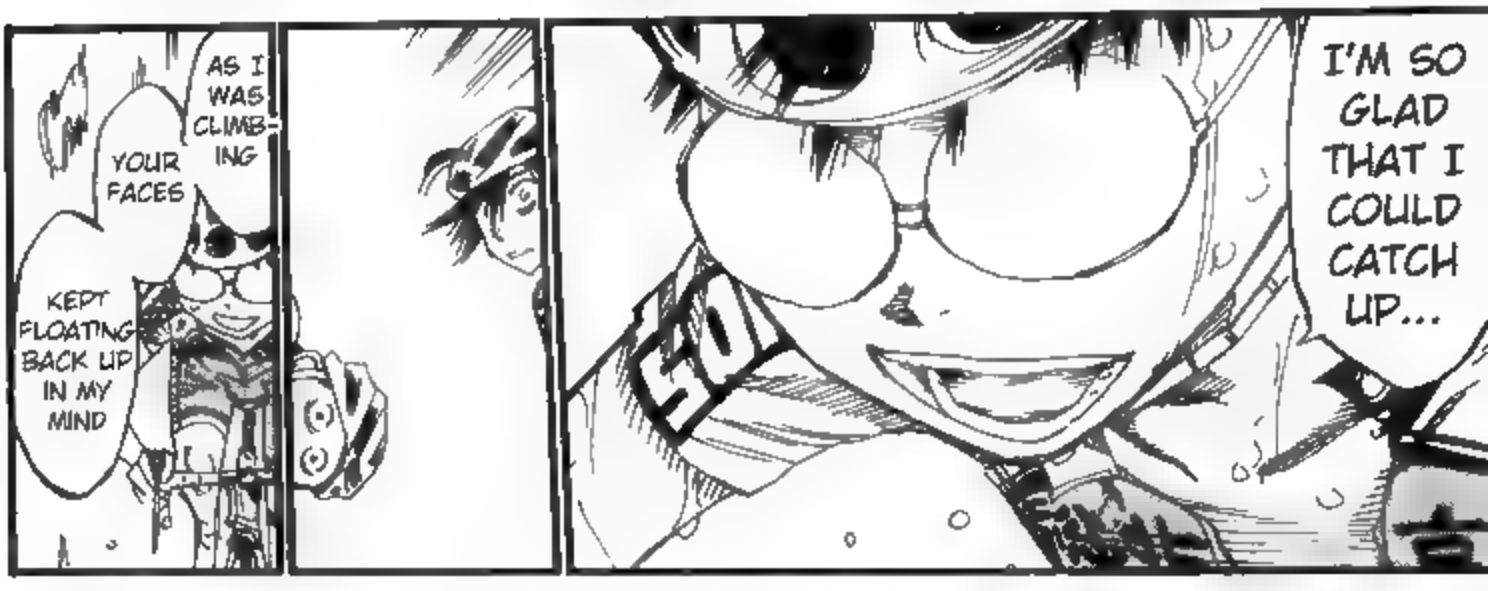
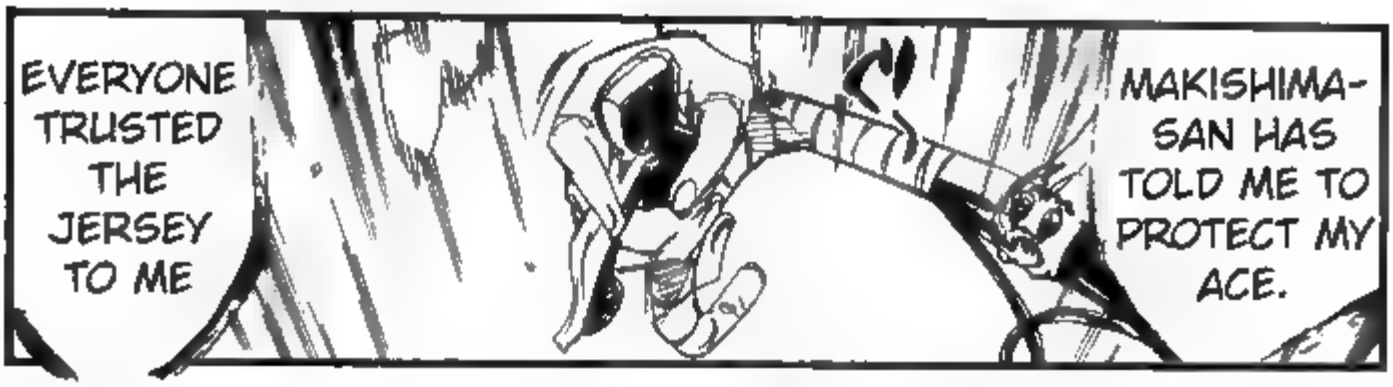
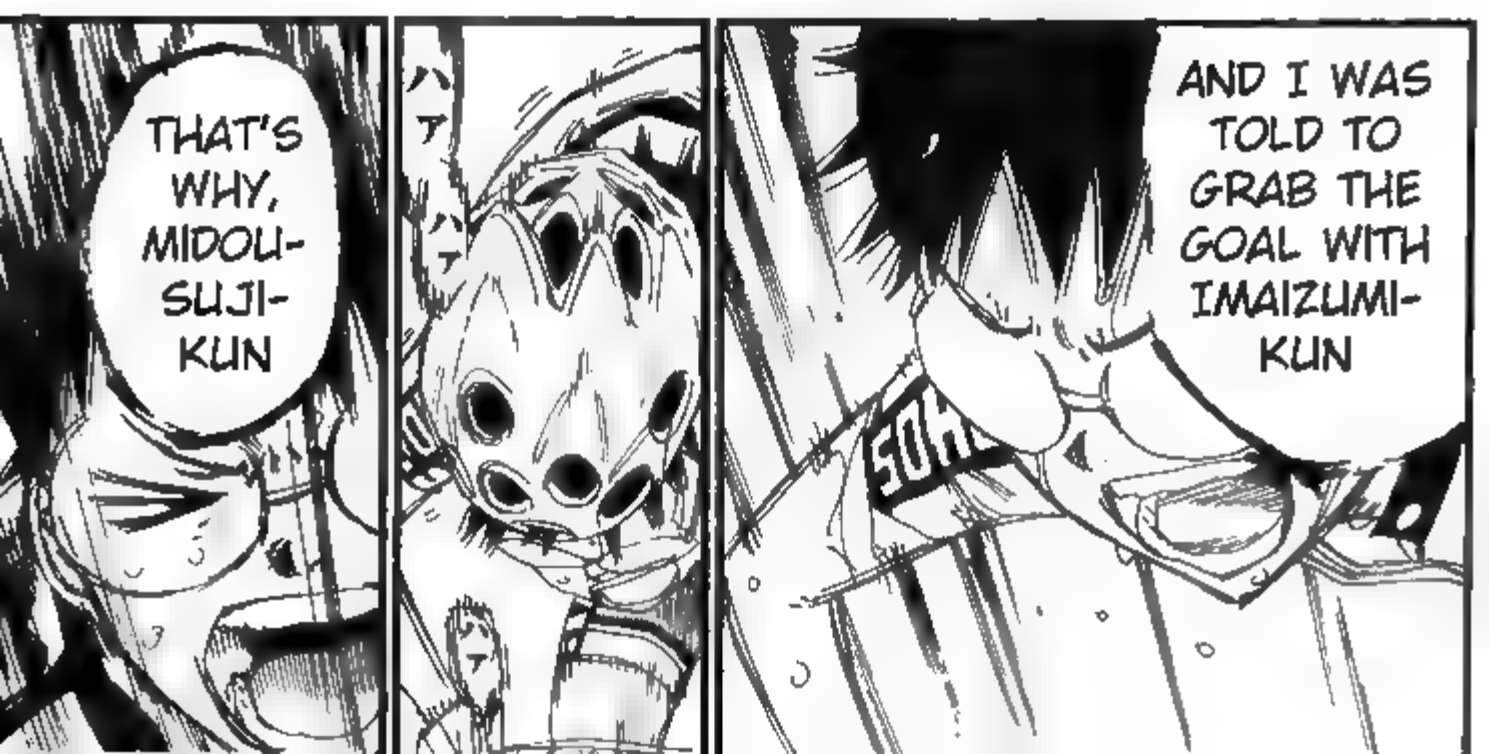

AS I WAS CLIMB-ING
YOUR FACES
KEPT FLOATING BACK UP IN MY MIND
I'M SO GLAD THAT I COULD CATCH UP...
GO!

GROSS!!
I COULDN'T HELP BUT SMILE
THINKING THAT THE TWO OF YOU WERE AHEAD OF MY CLIMB MADE ME FEEL EXCITED
AND IT GAVE ME ENERGY

MADE ME REALLY HAPPY
THINKING THAT WE GET TO RIDE AGAIN TOGETHER, UM... ON OUR BIKES

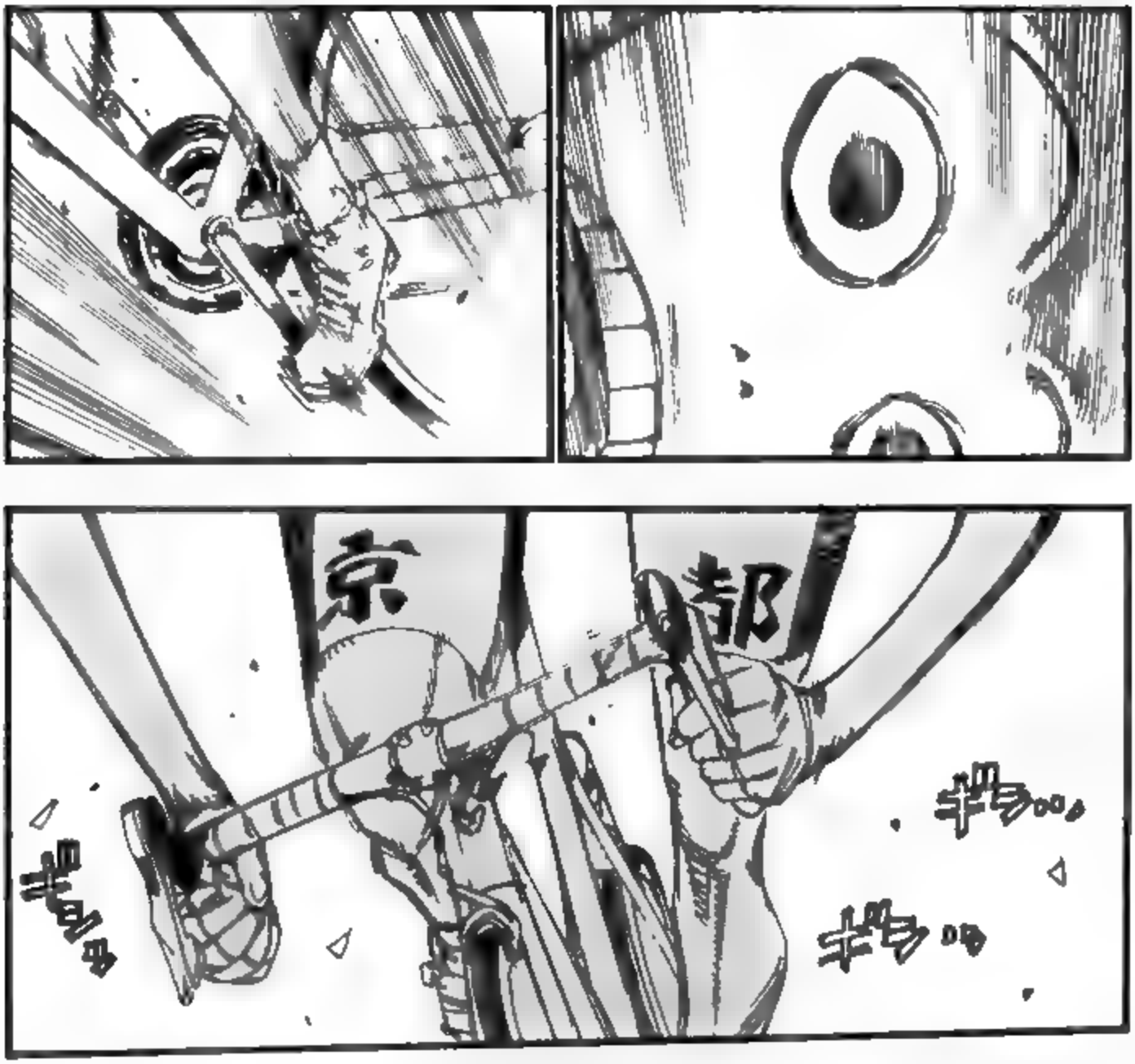
BUT


EVERYONE TRUSTED THE JERSEY TO ME
MAKISHIMA-SAN HAS TOLD ME TO PROTECT MY ACE.


THAT'S WHY, MIDOU-SUJI-KUN
AND I WAS TOLD TO GRAB THE GOAL WITH IMAIZUMI-KUN

I WILL STOP YOU!!
AND I SWEAR TO NEVER LET YOU REACH THE ACES!!
KANZAKI
SOHOKU
91

YOU
STOP ME?!
NOW THAT'S A BIT EASIER
TO UNDER-STAND ...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IN OTHER WORDS, I JUST HAVE TO DROP YOU!!
RAAH!!
RAAH
RAAH

SHIT, #91 IS FAST!
WHAT WAS THAT ACCELER-ATION?!
RAAH
SONIC
HOW, WHAT, WHEN?
ME?
YOU, MUST BE AN IDIOT, FOUR-EYES.
STOP ME?
BY DROPPING YOU FAR, FAR AWAY FROM ME, YOUR VERY EXISTENCE WILL BECOME MEANINGLESS!!
"I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU," AND I DON'T HAVE TO.
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AT YOUR LEVEL OF SKILL?

LOOKING AT HIM FROM CLOSE UP...!!
I'LL STOP YOU I'LL STOP YOU I'LL STOP YOU
NO NO NO NO

MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!
I'LL STOP YOU NO MATTER WHAT!!
SO THIS IS HOW STRONG
YOU REALLY ARE

HAA?!
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HAA ?!
I WILL!!
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I CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE
THE MAN THAT I COULDN'T FEEL A SHRED OF "VICTORY" IN THAT TIME
IS IN FRONT OF ME? GOT PAST ME? ON THIS MOUNTAIN ?!
HE'S IN FRONT OF ME?! IN FRONT ?!
HAA?! HE... CAUGHT UP?! TO ME?! HIM?!

THIS IS THE LAST FEW KILOMETERS OF IN-HIGH!!
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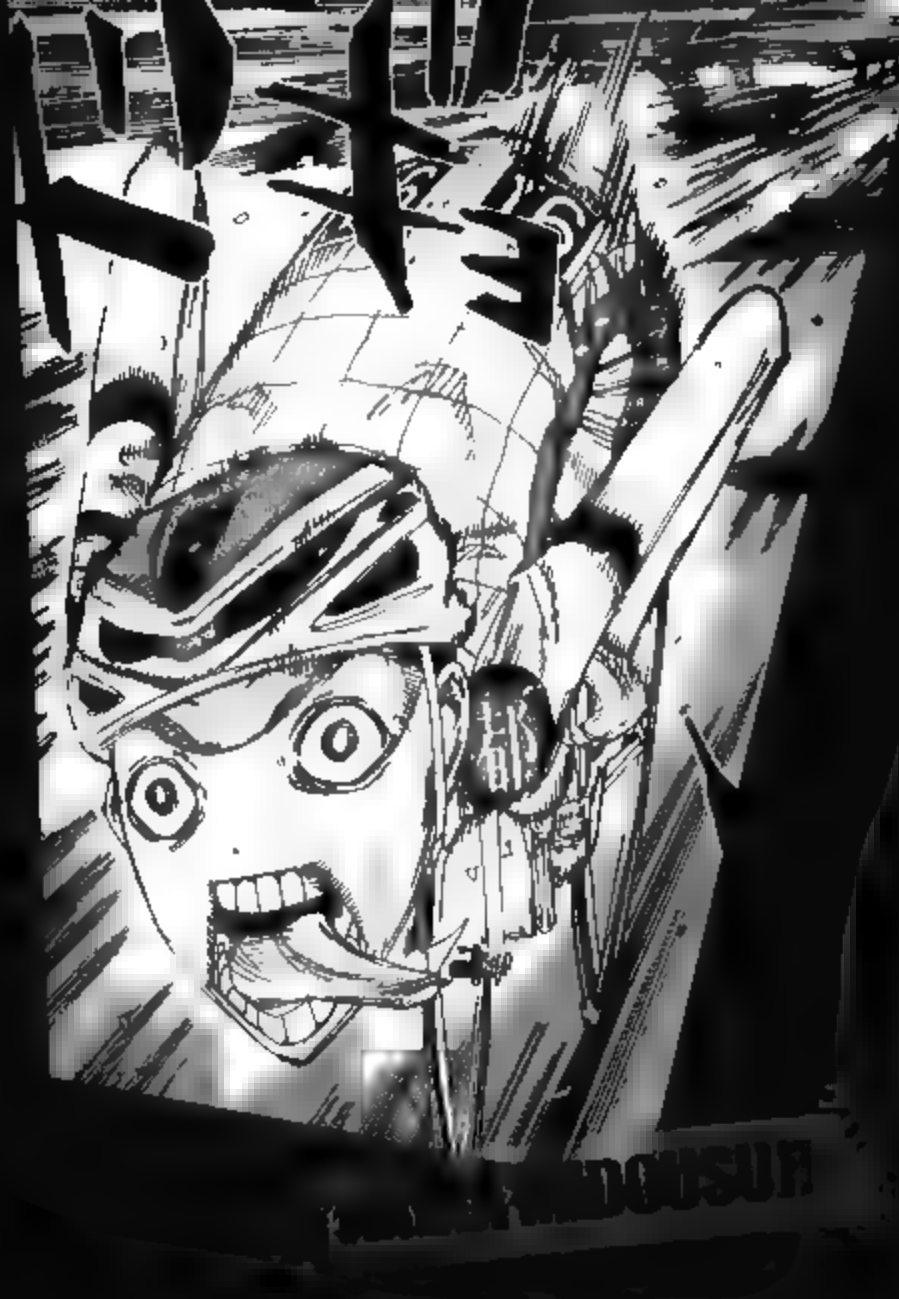
NO, YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT!!
YOU'RE JUST AS I THOUGHT
SAKA-
MICHI-
KUN!!

RIDE.206 SAKAMICHI, OFF-COURSE

RIDE.206 SAKAMICHI, OFF-COURSE



SOHOKU
MIDOU-SUJI
MA-NAMI
THEY'RE ALREADY HERE
THEY'RE COMING...

BY SUBDUING HAKONE ACADEMY, HE ACQUIRES THE MOUNTAIN BIB FOR THE THIRD DAY!!
GO !!
IMAIZUMI IS STILL A FIRST-YEAR!!
WHOA !!
FOR REAL?!
THE FIRST TO CROSS THE MOUNTAIN LINE IS SOHOKU'S IMAIZUMI SHUNSUKE !!
AWESOME, SOHOKU!!
AND
...ONO-DA !!

THE LAST GOAL IS SIX KILOMETERS AHEAD.
BY CROSSING THE MOUNTAIN LINE, WHAT'S LEFT NOW IS THE GOAL.
KANZAKI
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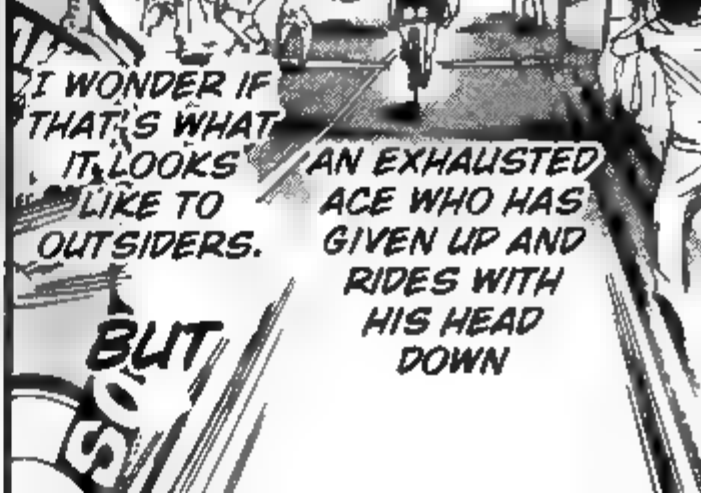
HAKOGAKU'S ACE NUMBER #1, FUKUTOMI-SAN.

HE RESPONDED TO EVERY ONE OF MY REPEATED ATTACKS AND KEPT UP.


ACE, YOU CAN DO IT!
KING !!
FUKUTOM ARRIVES IN SECOND PLACE!
GOOD LUCK, HAKOGAKU!
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO OUTSIDERS.
AN EXHAUSTED ACE WHO HAS GIVEN UP AND RIDES WITH HIS HEAD DOWN
BUT

HIS LAST RETA-LIATING BLOW
HE'S GOING FOR IT...
HE ISN'T DEAD YET.
HE'S AIM-ING FOR THE LAST GOAL!!
LURKS DANGER-OUSLY BENEATH HIS SURFACE.
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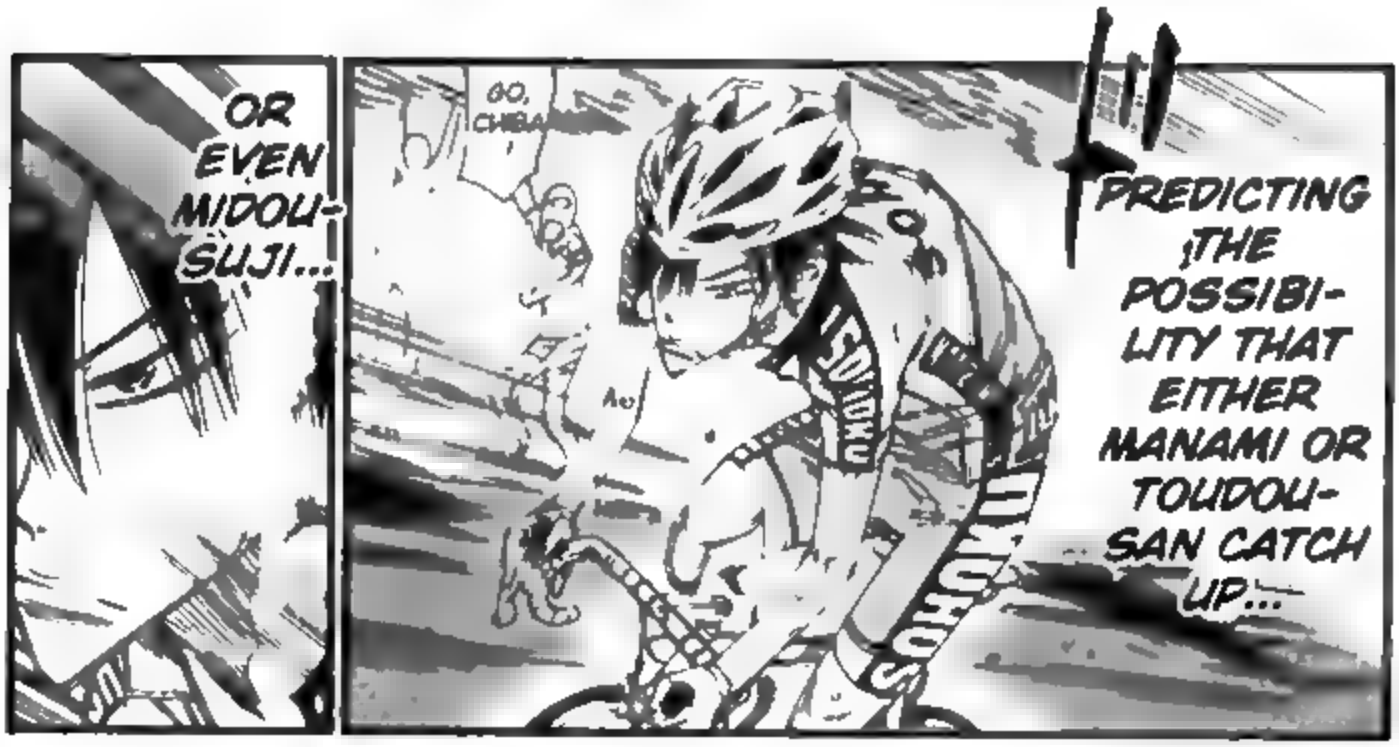
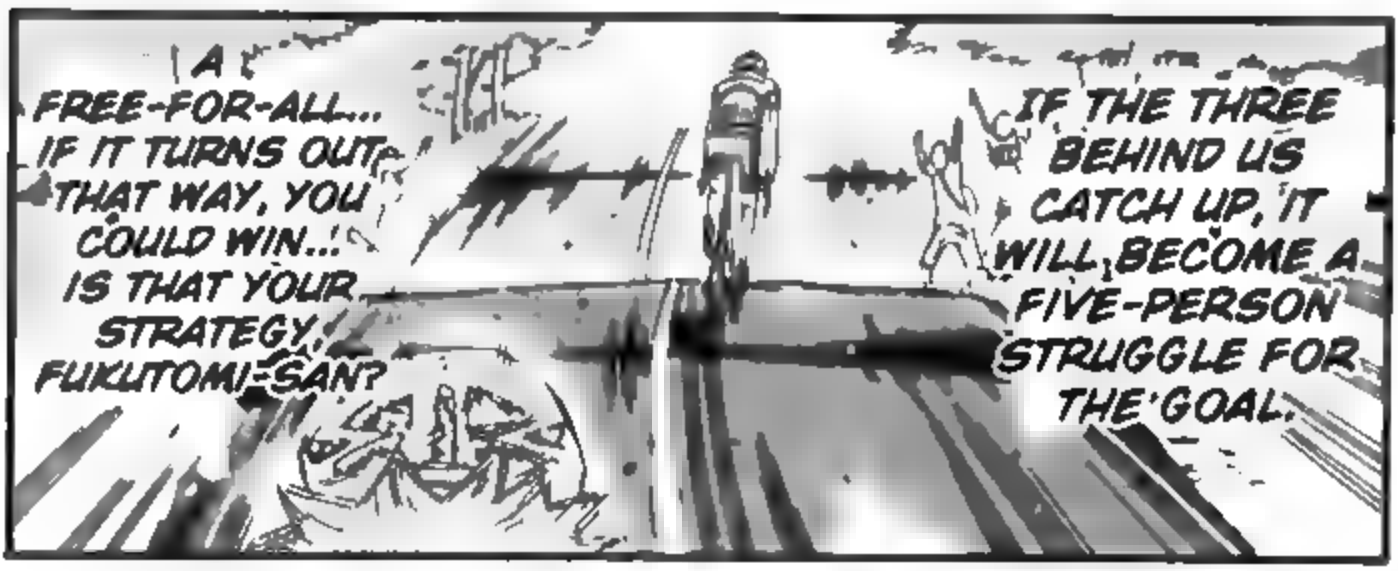

OR EVEN MIDOU-SUJI...
GO, CHIBA!
PREDICTING THE POSSIBI-LITY THAT EITHER MANAMI OR TOUDOU-SAN CATCH UP...


A FREE-FOR-ALL... IF IT TURNS OUT THAT WAY, YOU COULD WIN..! IS THAT YOUR STRATEGY, FUKUTOMI-SAN?
IF THE THREE BEHIND US CATCH UP, IT WILL BECOME A FIVE-PERSON STRUGGLE FOR THE GOAL.

NOT A PROBLEM.

NOT EVEN THAT IS A PROBLEM FOR ME!!
NO MATTER HOW MANY COME! WHOEVER THEY ARE
I WILL WIN THE GOAL!!

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HOLD HIM BACK!! HOLD HIM BACK!!
USE UP EVERY-THING I HAVE!!
STOP YOU!!
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!! I WILL
UNTIL IMAIZUMI-KUN MAKES THE GOAL
"PROTECT OUR ACE"
I WILL STOP YOU!!

STOP ME...?

EH...

YOU SUCK AT MAKING EFFICIENT LINES.

THE INNER COURSE IS WIDE OPEN.

WITH YOUR LACK OF TECHNIQUE !!

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE

SOUNDS COOL, BUT

SAKAA
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MAKU
MIDOU-SUJI-KUN!!
MI-CHI!!
IS STILL IN EFFECT, IS IT?
THERE WAS INTER-FERENCE, BUT THAT RULE
YOU'RE HERE, MAAA-NAM!
!!
THE LOSER
THE ONE WHERE WHOEVER REACHES THEM FIRST WINS... AND WHAT'S MORE
OH... THE RACE TO SEE WHO REACHES THE ACES FIRST?

TALKING SASSY TO ME!!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE STILL OKAY WITH IT!!
OF COURSE I'M OKAY WITH IT!!

LETS THE WINNER THROUGH THE GOAL FIRST, RIGHT?
OF COURSE IT IS!

BY SOME MIRACLE, HE COMES OUT FIRST

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IF...
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!
...AH, BUT...
SAKAMICH - KUN S HERE TOO. WHAT IF HE WINS?

WHAT DO I DO?!
BUT... BUT I CAN'T!!
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HOLD HIM BACK HOLD HIM BACK!
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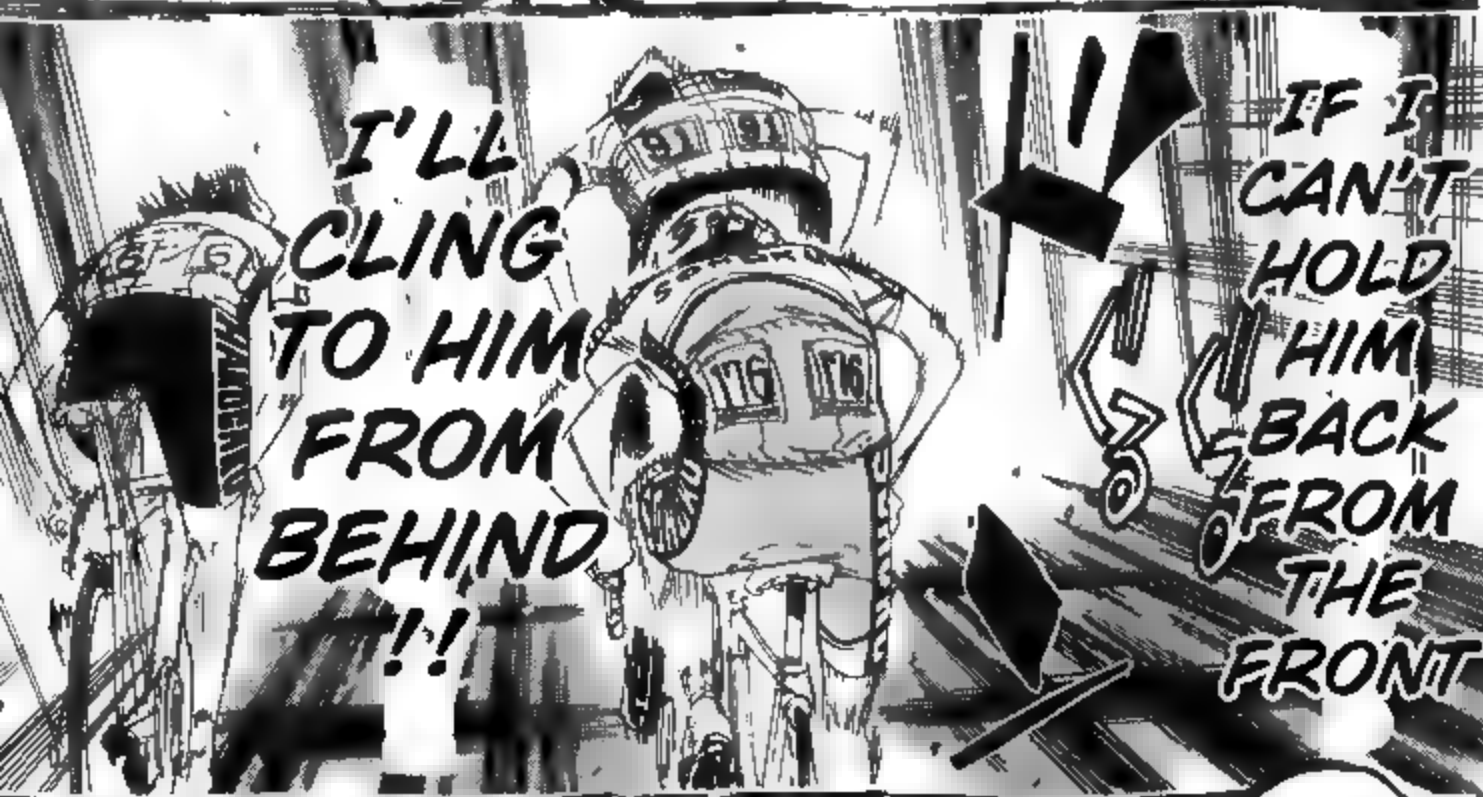
"ONCE HE CLINGS TO SOMEONE, HE CAN'T BE SHAKEN OFF"
NARU-KO-KUN!!
"YOU MUST HAVE A SPECIALTY AT SOMETHING"

IMA-IZUMI-KUN!!


I'LL CLING TO HIM FROM BEHIND!!
IF I CAN'T HOLD HIM BACK FROM THE FRONT

I'LL STICK TO HIM NO MATTER WHAT!!
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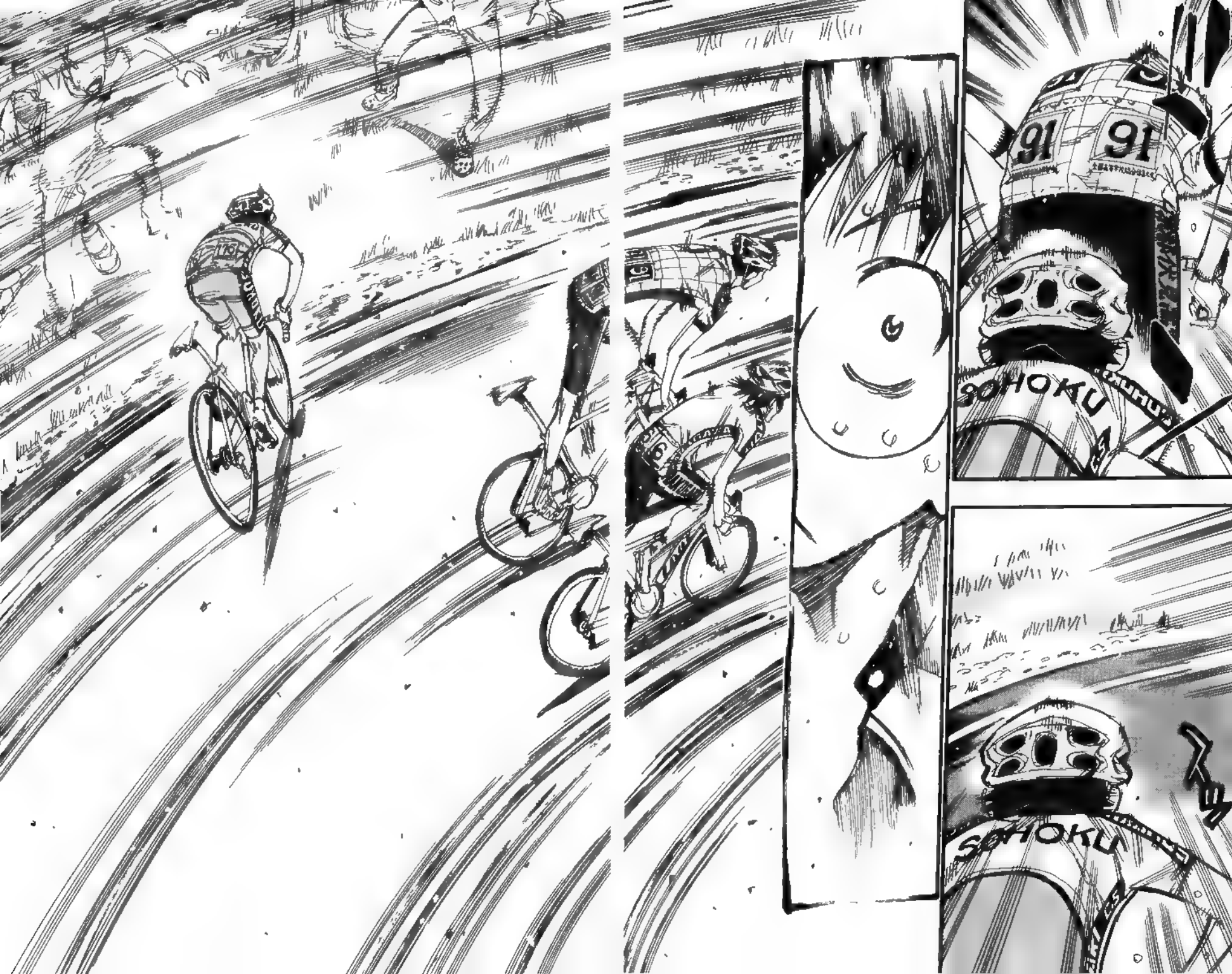
THE RULE IS STILL VALID!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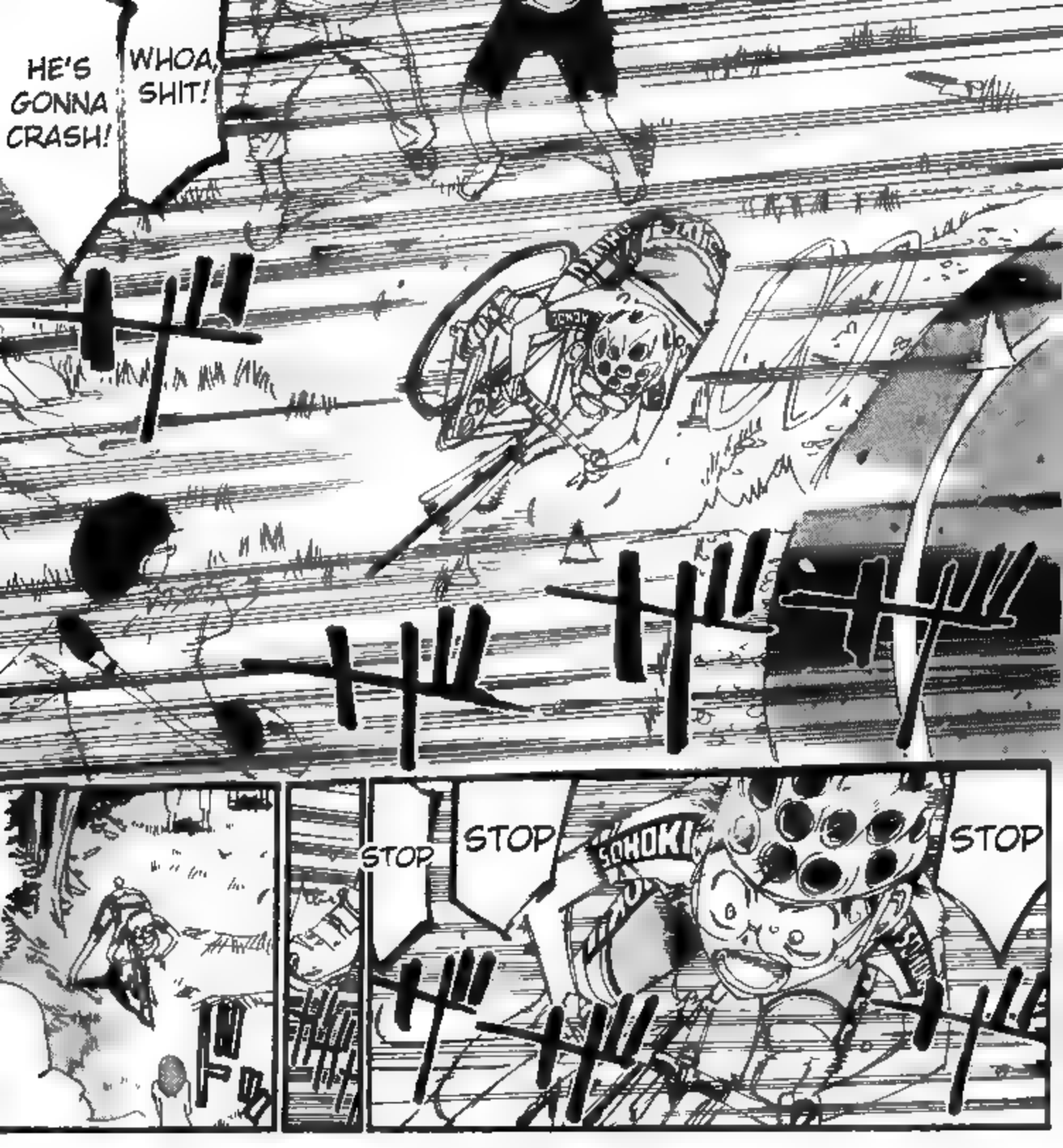
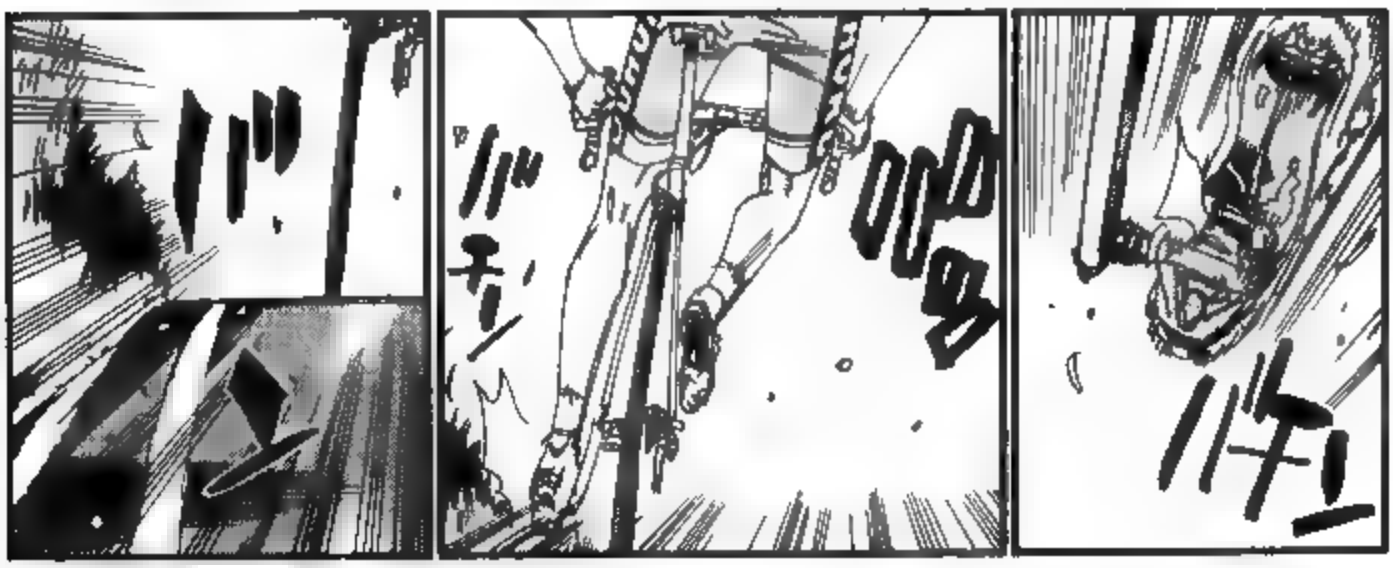
SOHOKU
SOHOKU

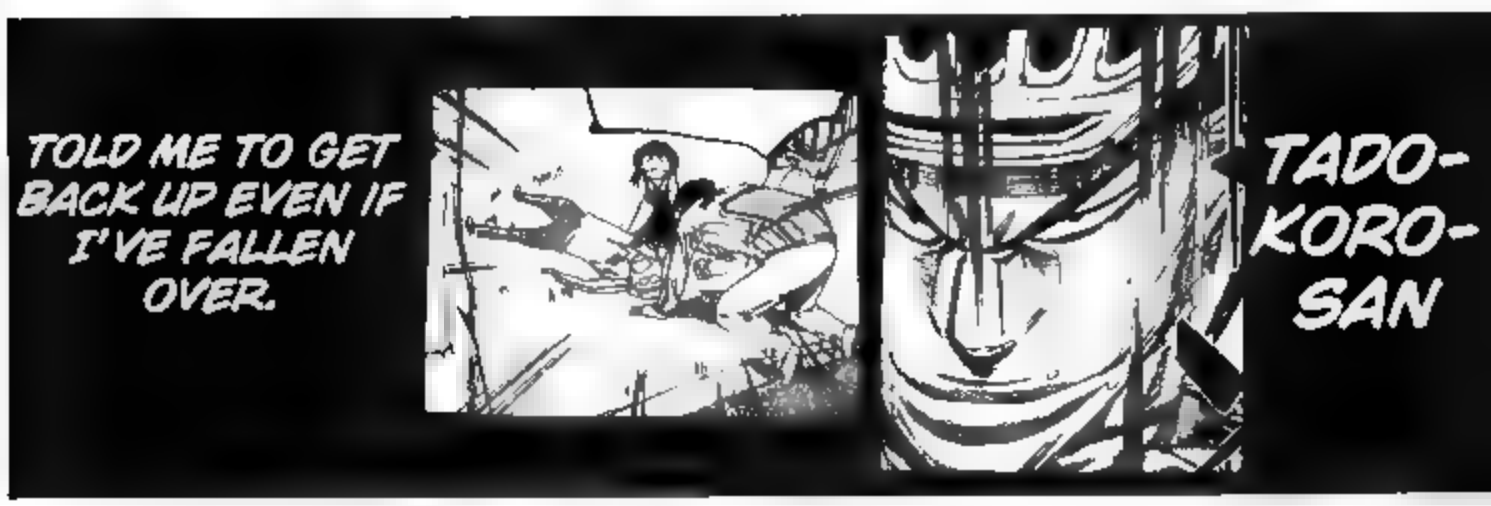
I KEPT SO CLOSE TO HIM THAT I WASN'T LOOKING AT THE ROAD...!!

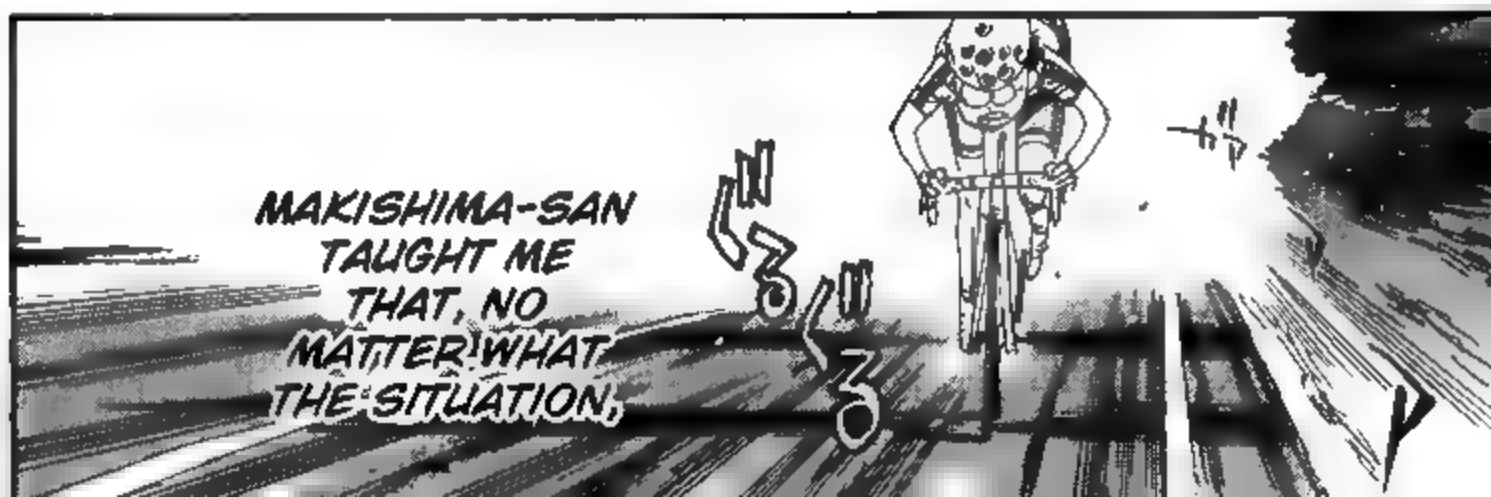

HE'S GONNA CRASH!
WHOA, SHIT!

STOP
STOP
SOHOK!
STOP

THAT'S WHY I CAN ONLY PUT EFFORT INTO ONE THING AT A TIME.
ARE YOU OKAY?!
EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH!
I'M NOT SKILLED.




TOLD ME TO GET BACK UP EVEN IF I'VE FALLEN OVER.
TADO-KORO-SAN


MAKISHIMA-SAN TAUGHT ME THAT, NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION,

I JUST HAVE TO DO IT.
"IF THERE'S STILL SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT TO DO"
"THEN KEEP PEDALING WITHOUT COMPLAINING"
"YOU JUST HAVE TO BREAK THROUGH IT"

WHO CAN DO ANY-THING ABOUT THIS, SITUA-TION RIGHT NOW!!
I'M THE ONLY ONE

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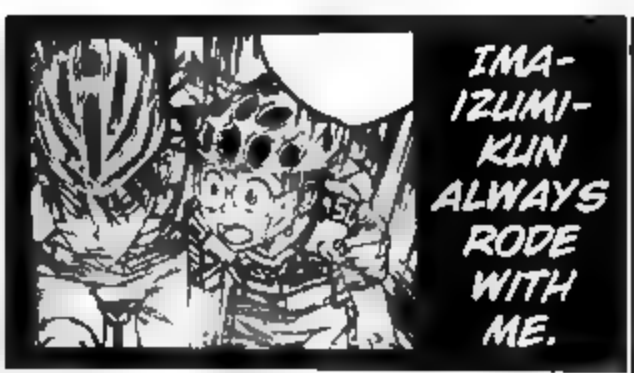
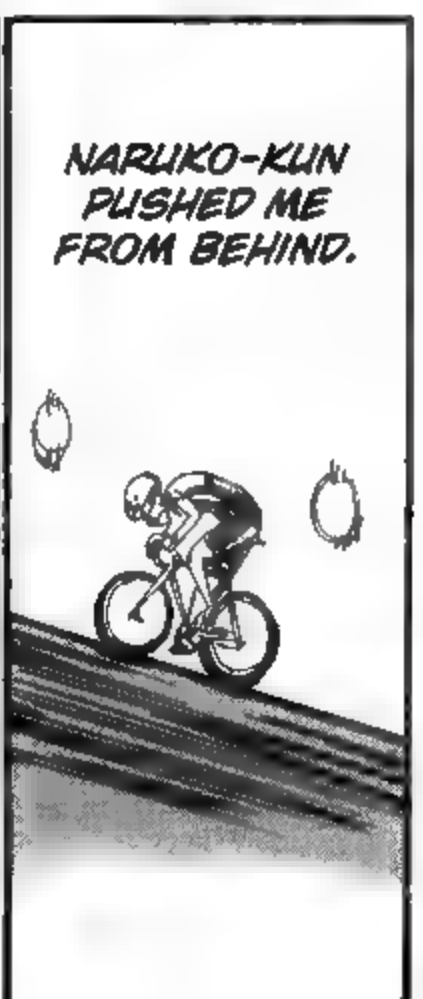
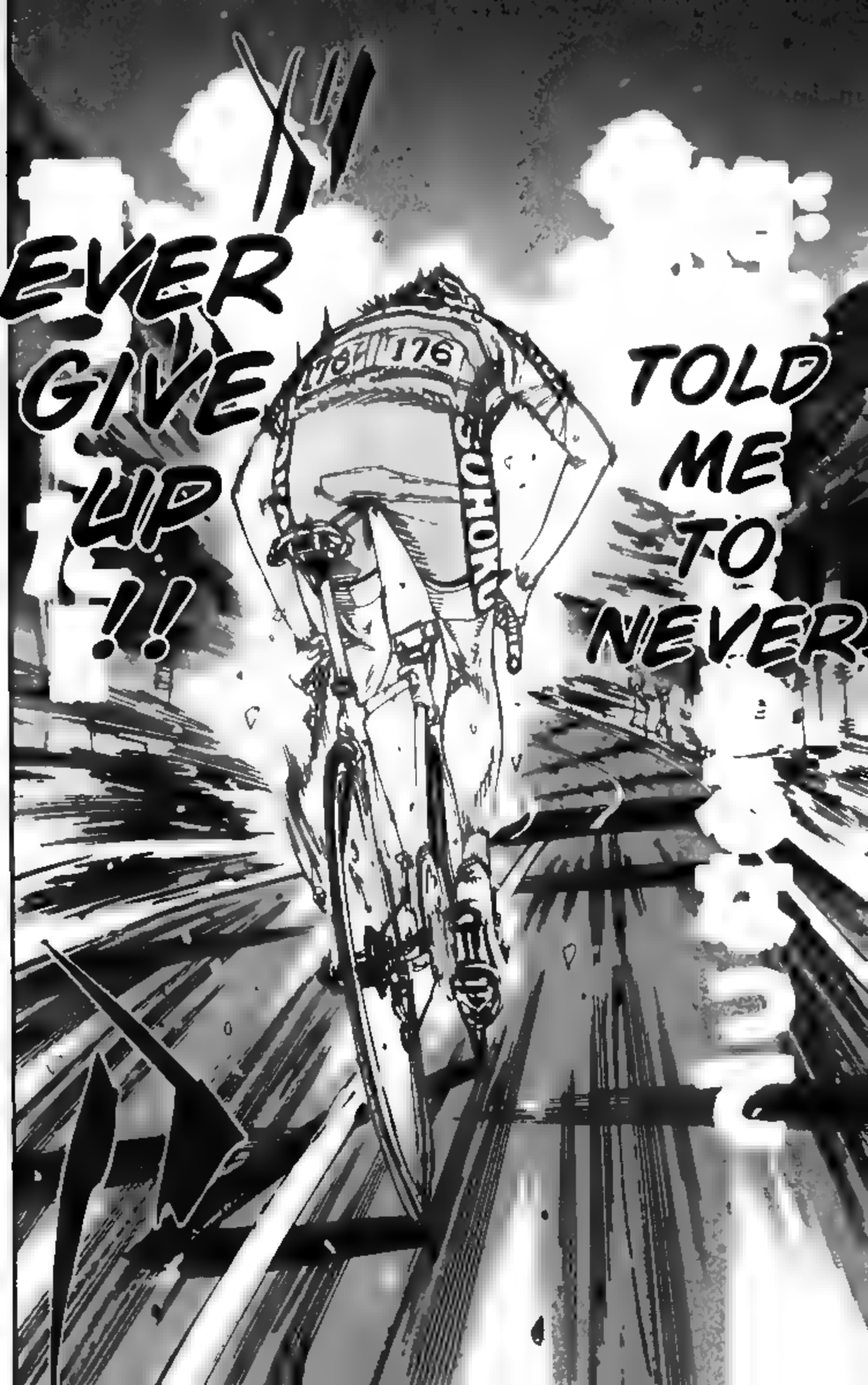
I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE.

KIN-JOU-SAN


IMA-IZUMI-KUN ALWAYS RODE WITH ME.

KANZAKI


NARUKO-KUN PUSHED ME FROM BEHIND.


EVER GIVE UP!!
TOLD ME TO NEVER
176 176
SOHOKU

CROSS THE MOUNTAIN LINE!! THE TWO GIVE CHASE!!
FROM THE ONCOMING GROUP, #91 AND #6
SIX KILO-METERS TO THE GOAL!
THEY'RE GONNA CATCH UP TO THE FRONT!
DAMN, THOSE TWO ARE FAST!
HOLY!
WAS NOTHING BUT A POSSI-BILITY.
THE POSSI-BILITY THAT SAKA-MICHI WOULD WIN
A LITTLE MORE TO GO UNTIL WE REACH THE ACES!
IT'S ONLY
MAA-NAMI
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CLING TO HIM

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CLING
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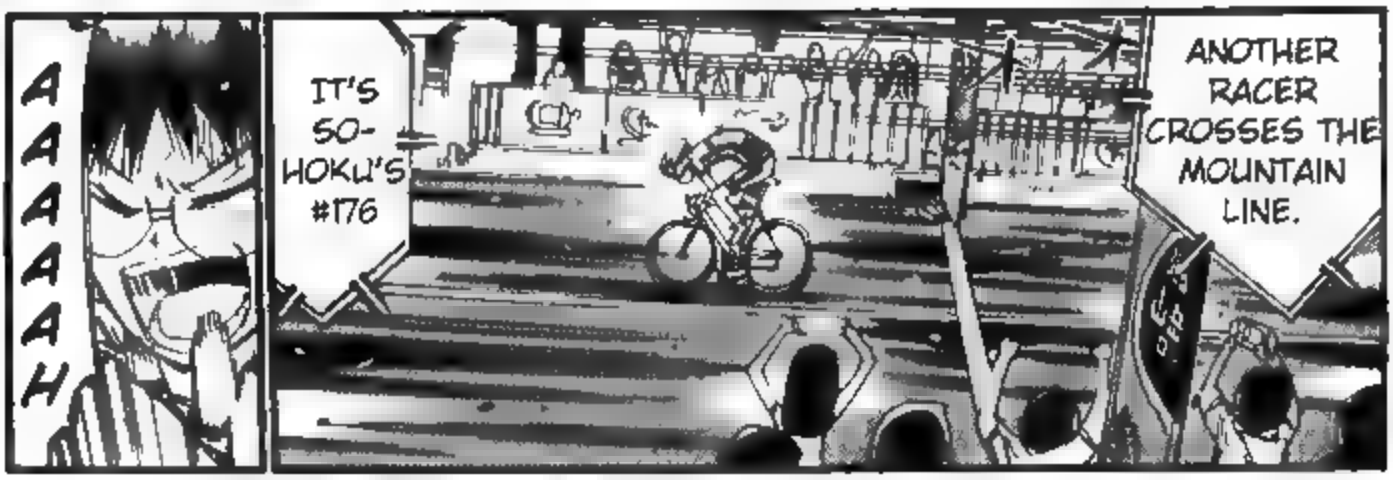
AAAAAH
IT'S SO-HOKU'S #176
ANOTHER RACER CROSSES THE MOUNTAIN LINE.

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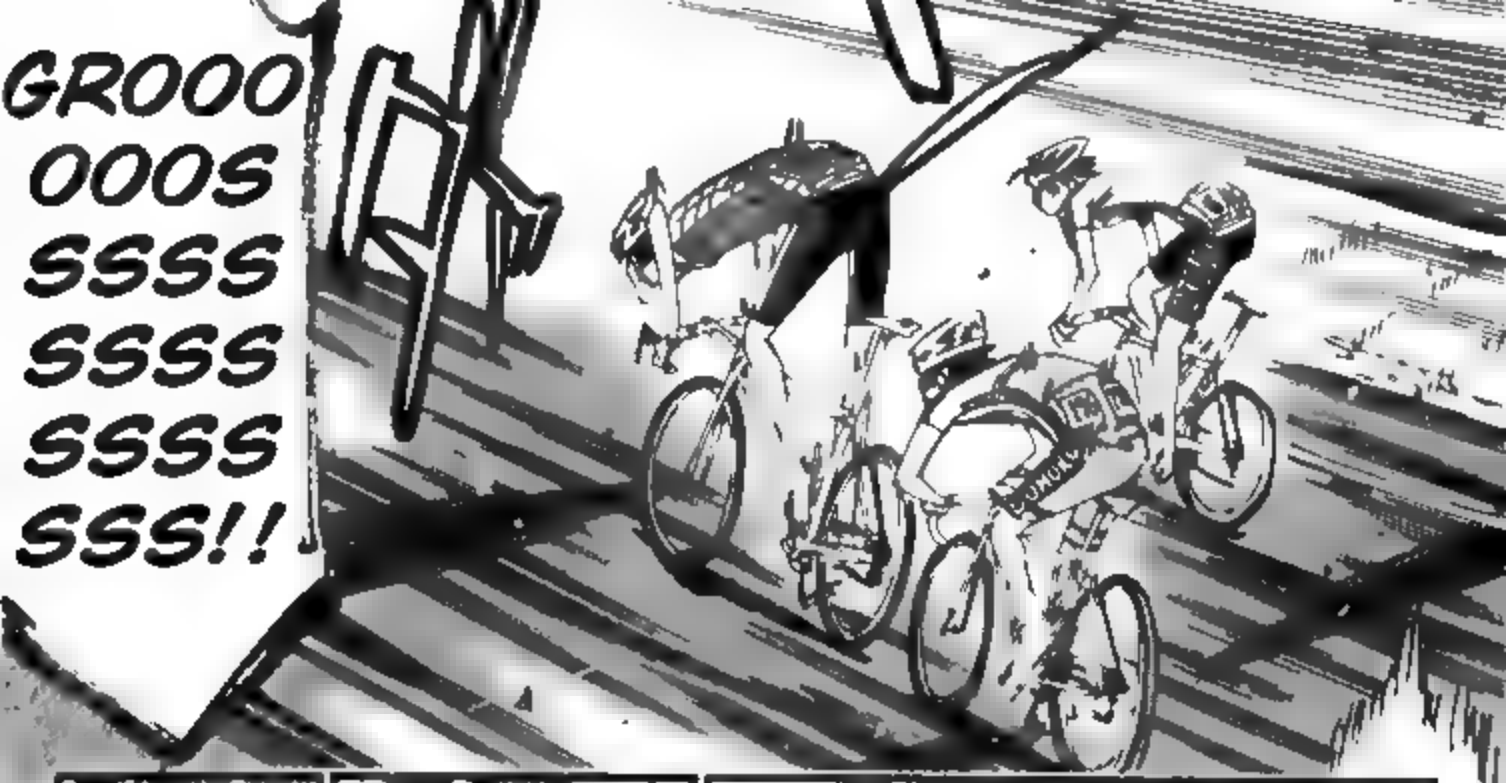
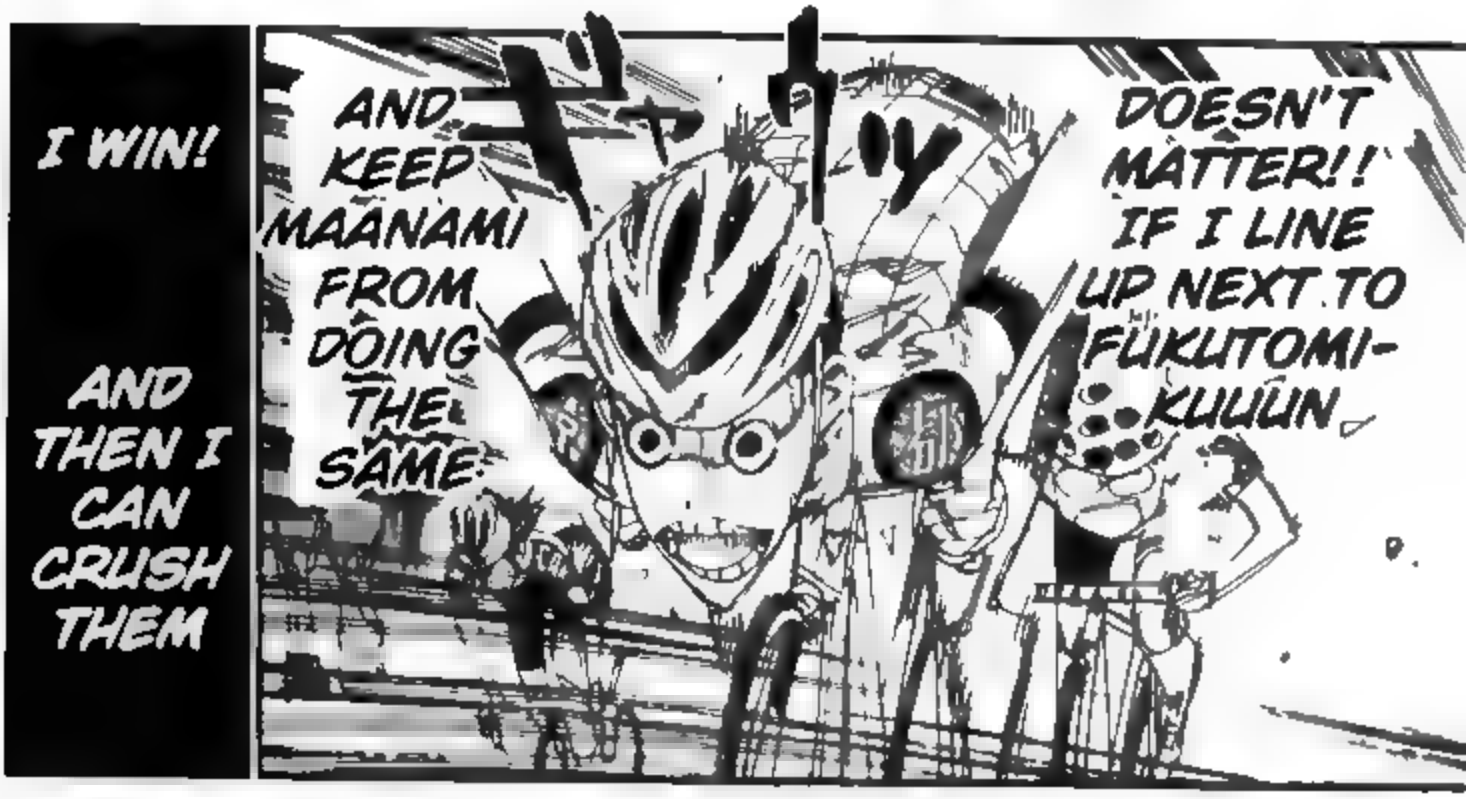
WHOEVER LINES UP NEXT TO FUKUTOMI-KUUUN FIRST WINS!!
I SEE AN ACE!!
IT'S FUKU-TOMI-KUUUN!
LISTEN UP!

SAA-
KA-
MI-
CHI!
YOU RAN OFF-COURSE JUST BEFORE!!
AAAH
NAMI
...





CRUSH THE KINGS!!

GRO OOO OOO OSS SSS SSS S!!
CLING TO HIM!!
CLING TO HIM
CLING TO HIM
CLING TO HIM
SA-KA-MI-CHI-KUN...!
ISN'T EVEN LOOKING AHEAD...

OW!
HE LINED UP!!

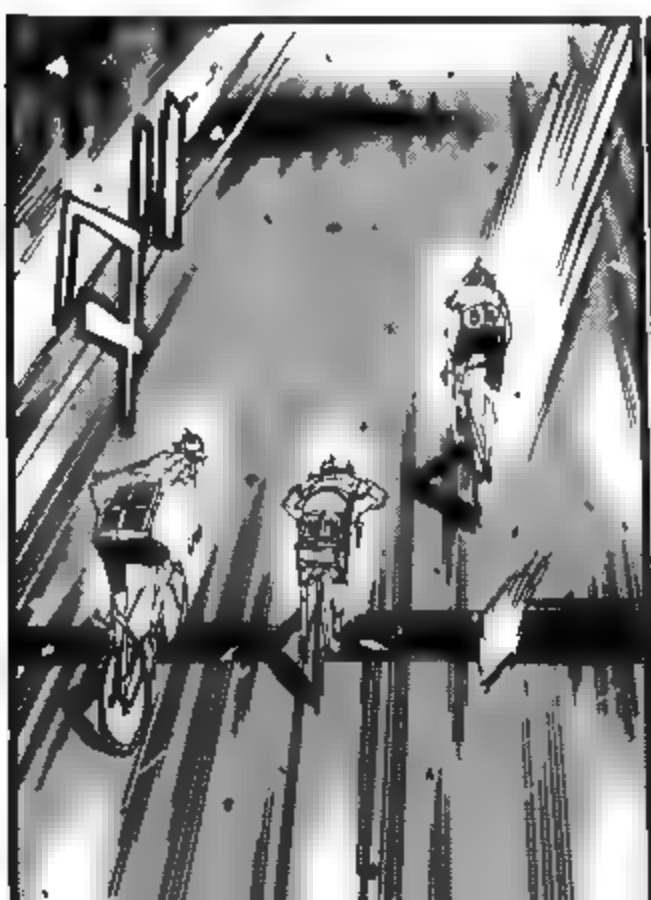
RIDE.207 THE END!!!

I LINED UP INSTEAD !
UWAH
KEEP GOING !!
THAT'S OKAY !!

OKAY
!!
RIDE.207 THE END!!!

IN A RACE
NOT KNOWING WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN
KEEPS IT INTER-ESTING!!

MIDOUSUJI-KUN!! IN THIS RACE...
THE FRONT IS IN SIGHT!! FUKUTOMI-SAN! IMAIZUMI-KUN IS THERE TOO!



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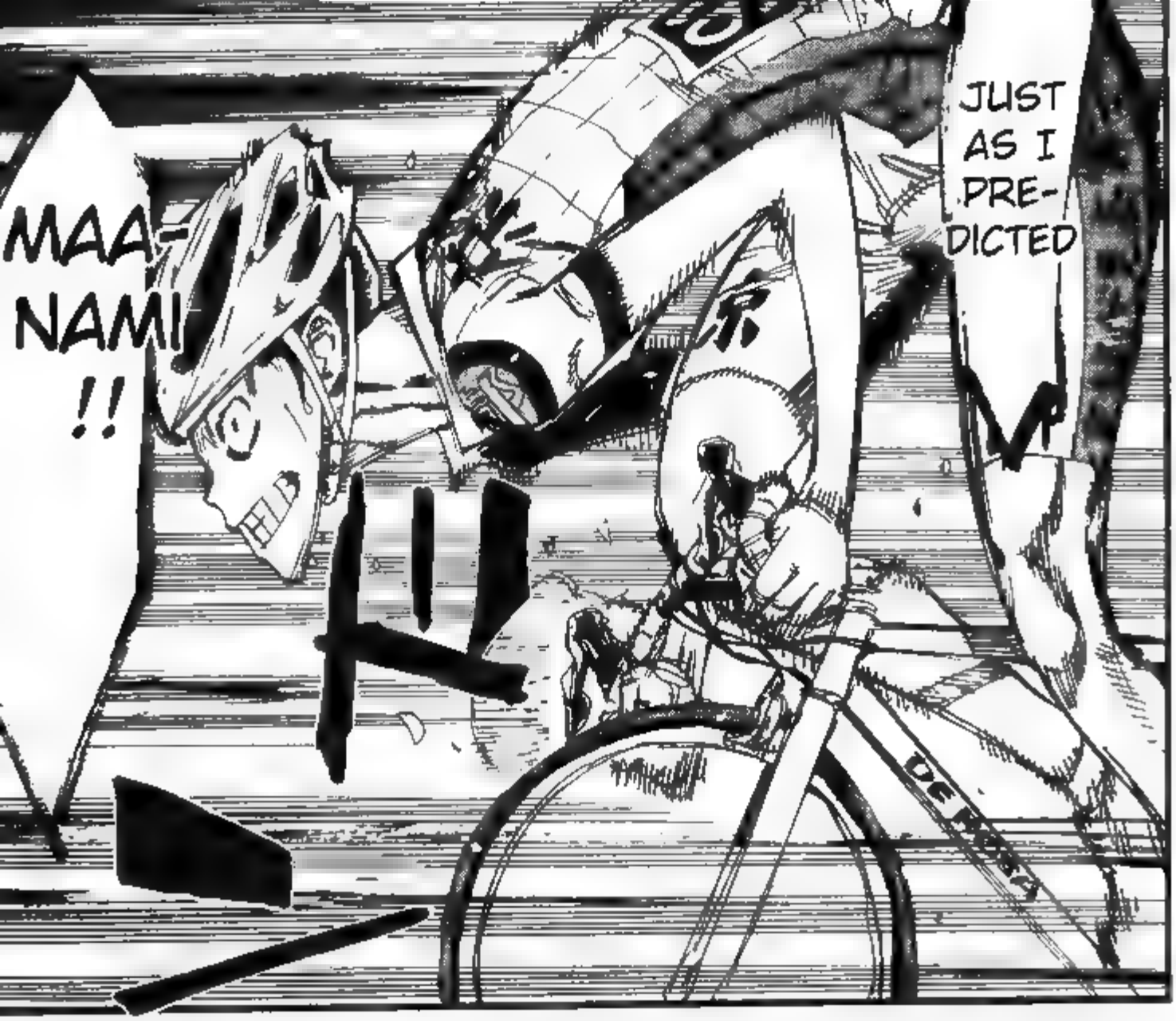
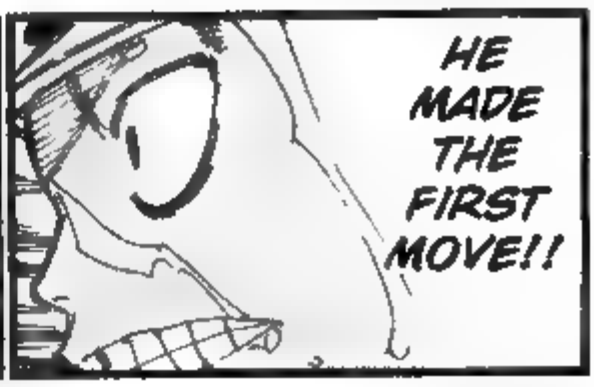
NEXT TO FUKU-TOMI-SAN FIRST, WINS!!
WHO-EVER LINES UP,

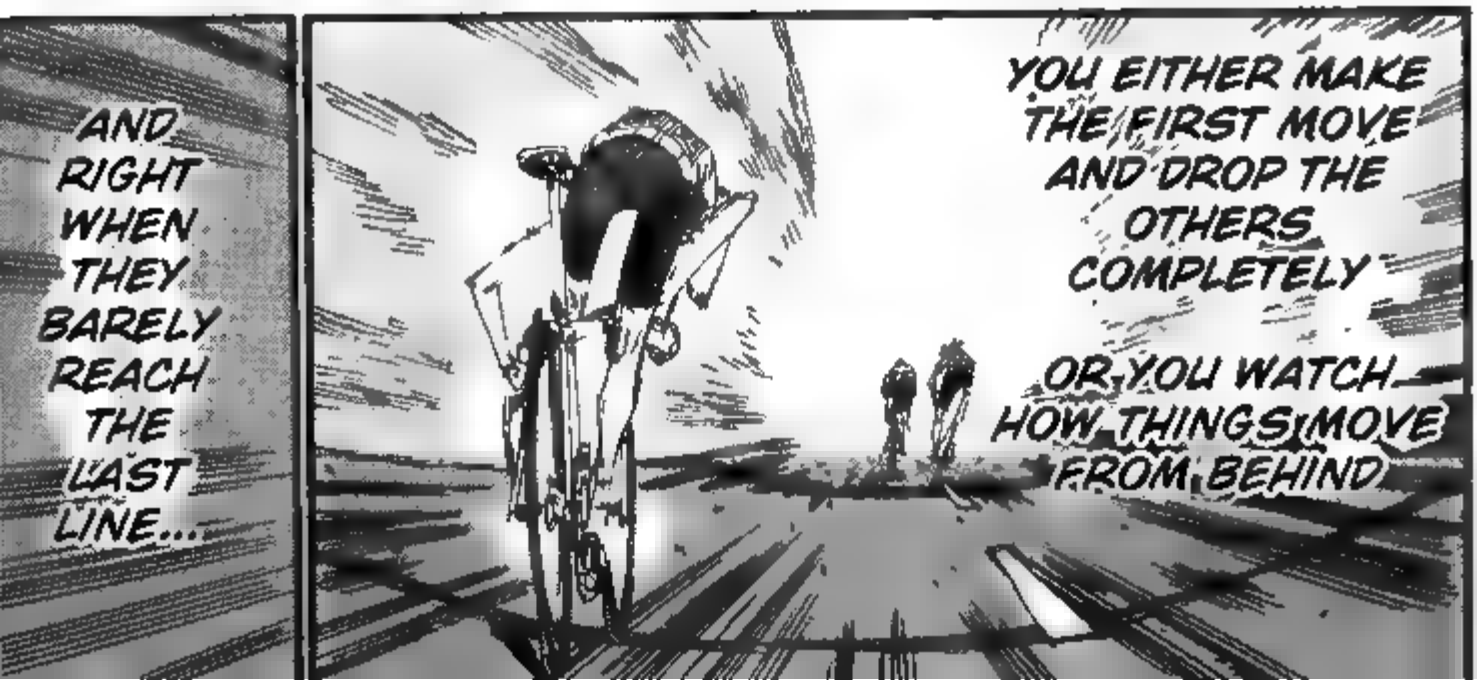
HHAAAAAA
HERE GOOOES!!
I'LL GO IN A SINGLE BURST!!

REACH HIM!!
WILL I


MAA-
NAMI
!!
JUST AS I PRE-DICTED

BY ONLY TWO CATEGORIES !!
AT ANY TIME, VICTORY AND DEFEAT IS DECIDED IN A ROAD RACE


HE MADE THE FIRST MOVE!!


AND RIGHT WHEN THEY BARELY REACH THE LAST LINE...
YOU EITHER MAKE THE FIRST MOVE AND DROP THE OTHERS COMPLETELY
OR YOU WATCH HOW THINGS MOVE FROM BEHIND

YOU PICK THEM OFF !!

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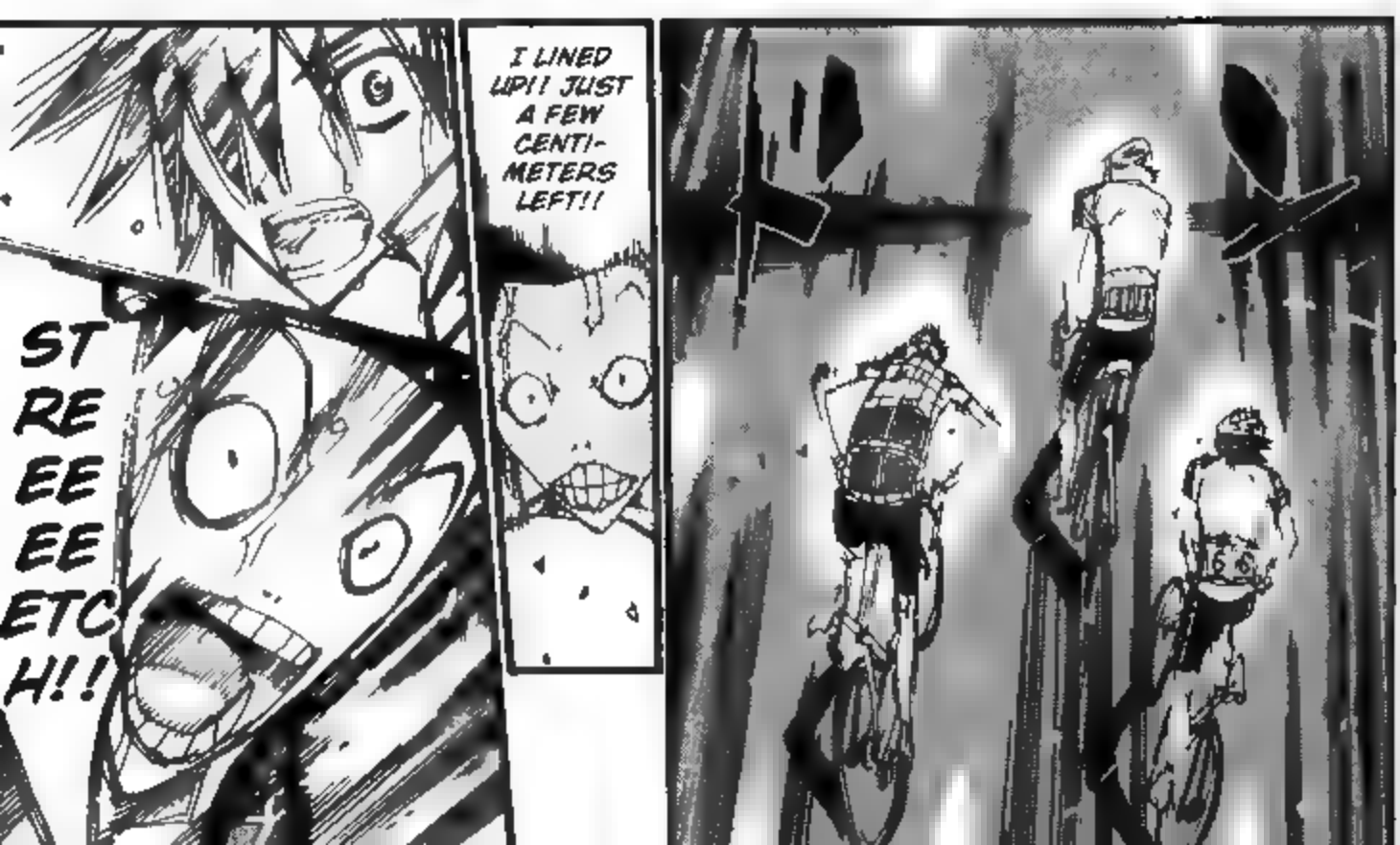
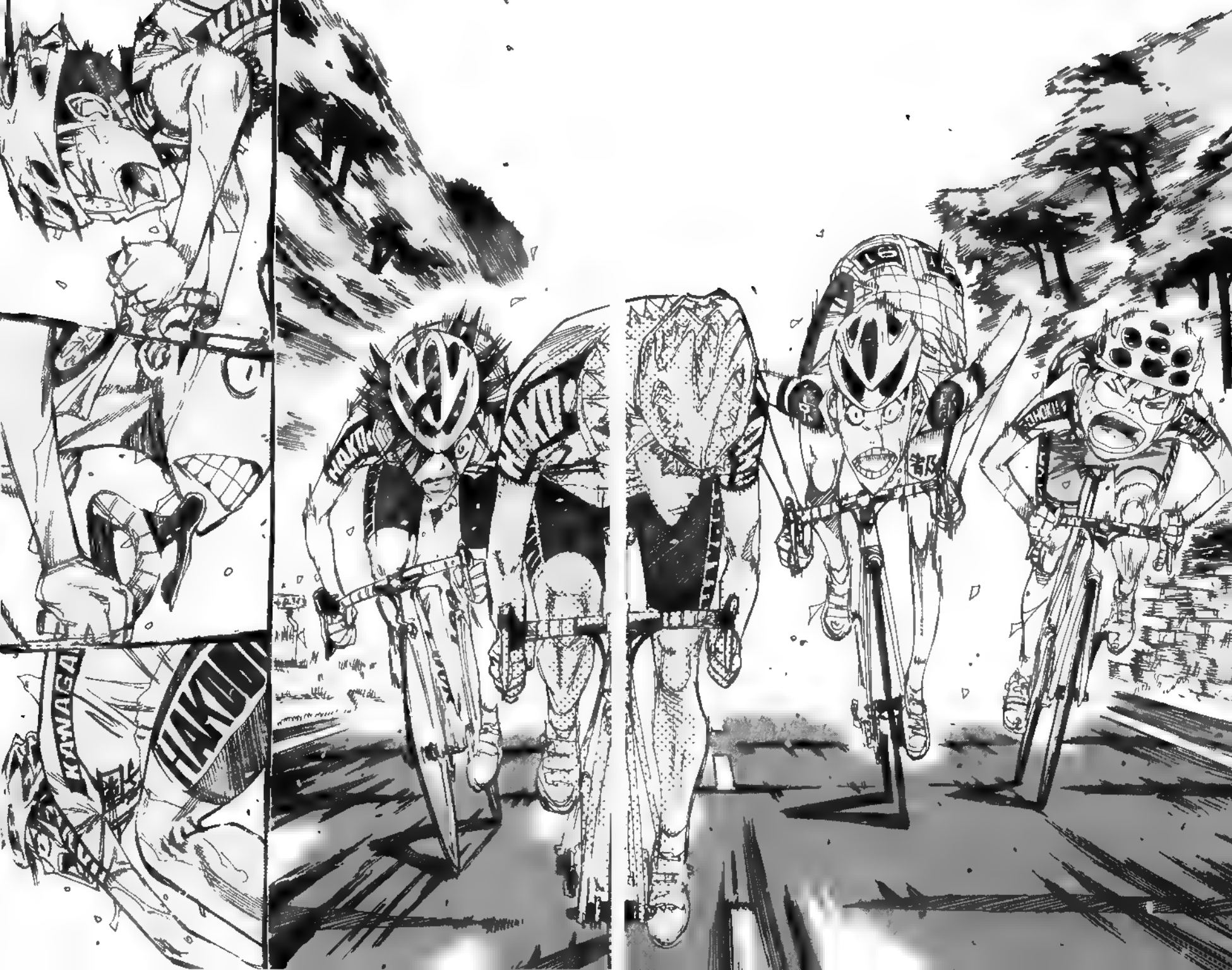
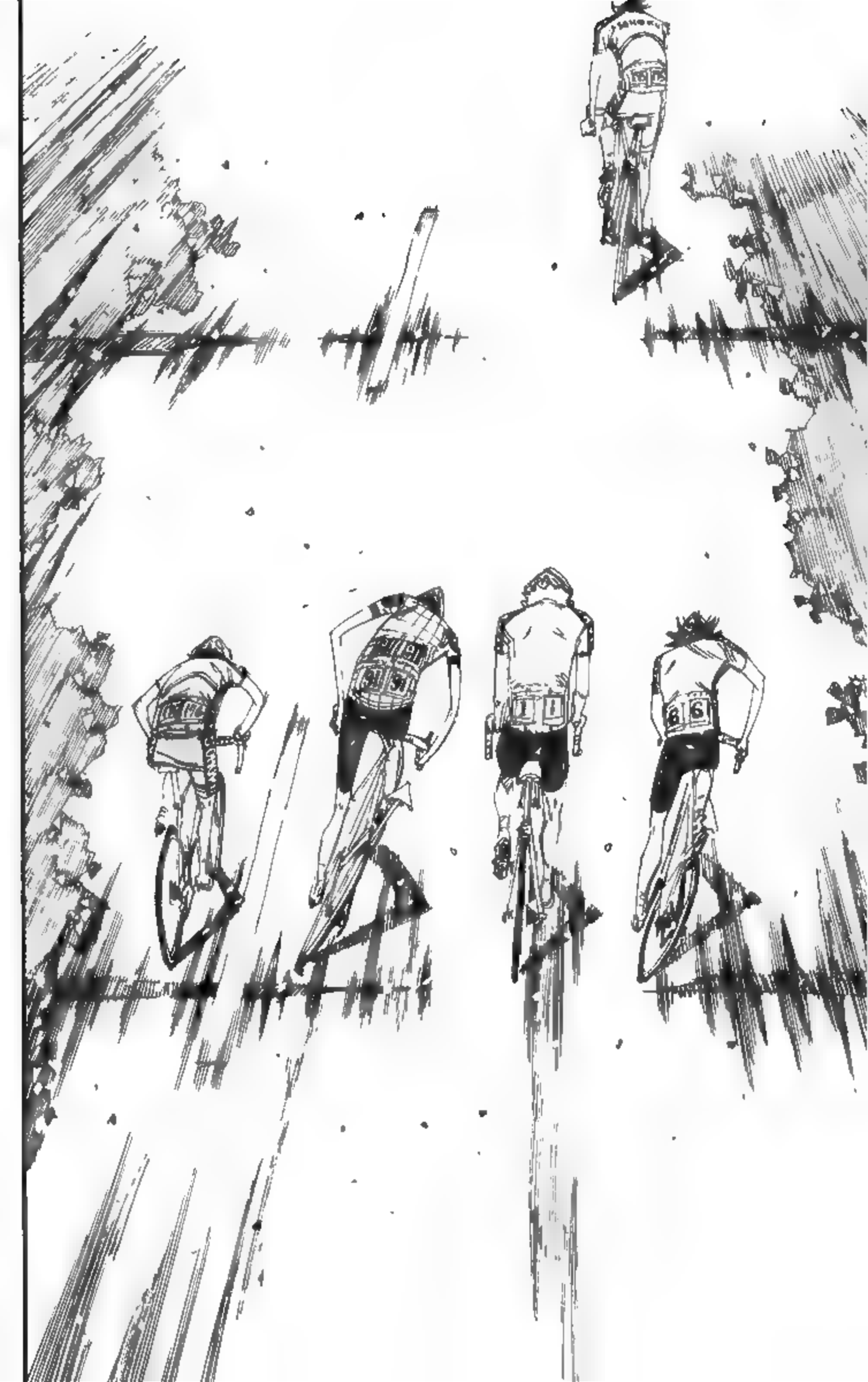
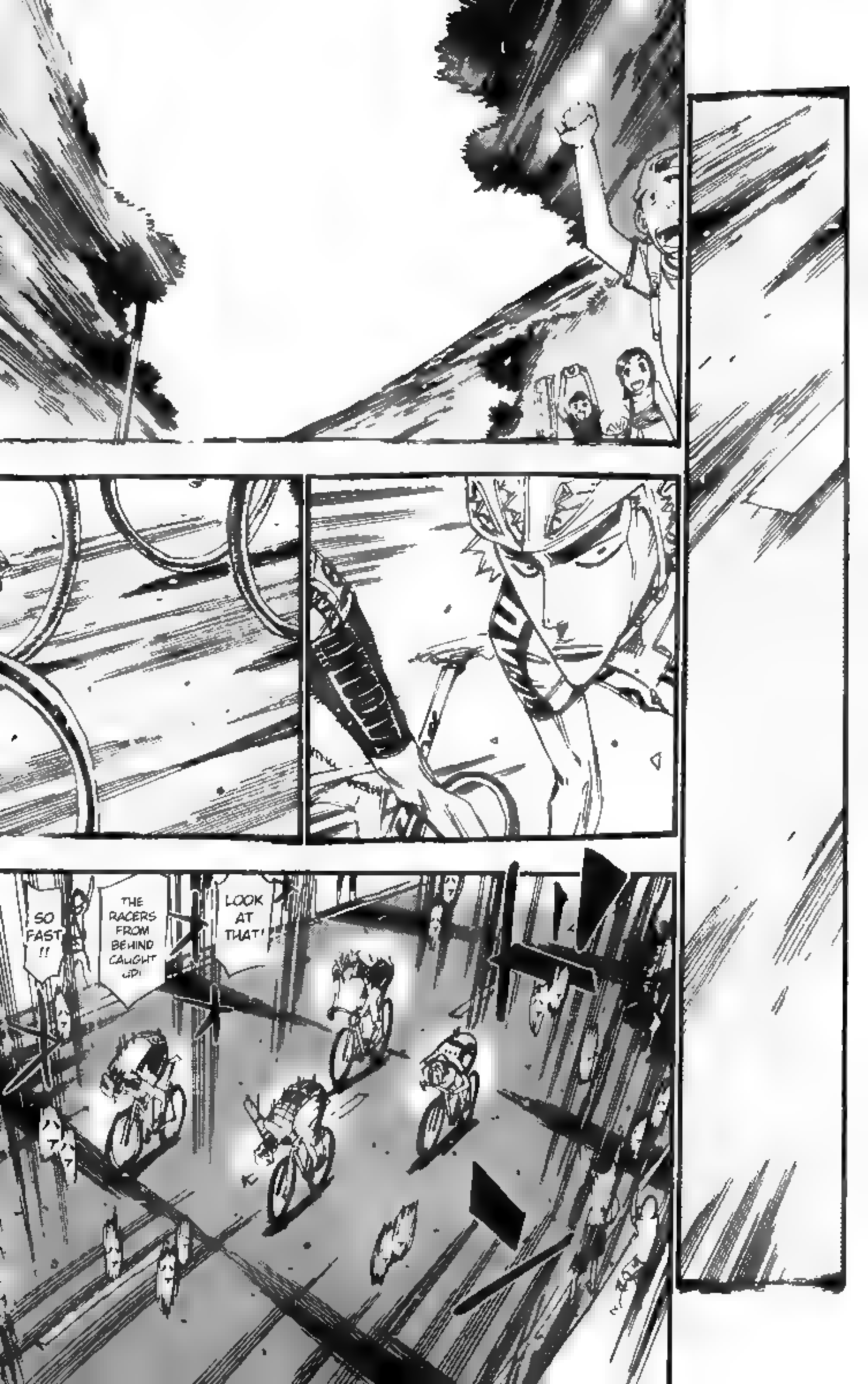

I LINED UP!! JUST A FEW CENTI-METERS LEFT!!
ST RE EE EE ETC H!!

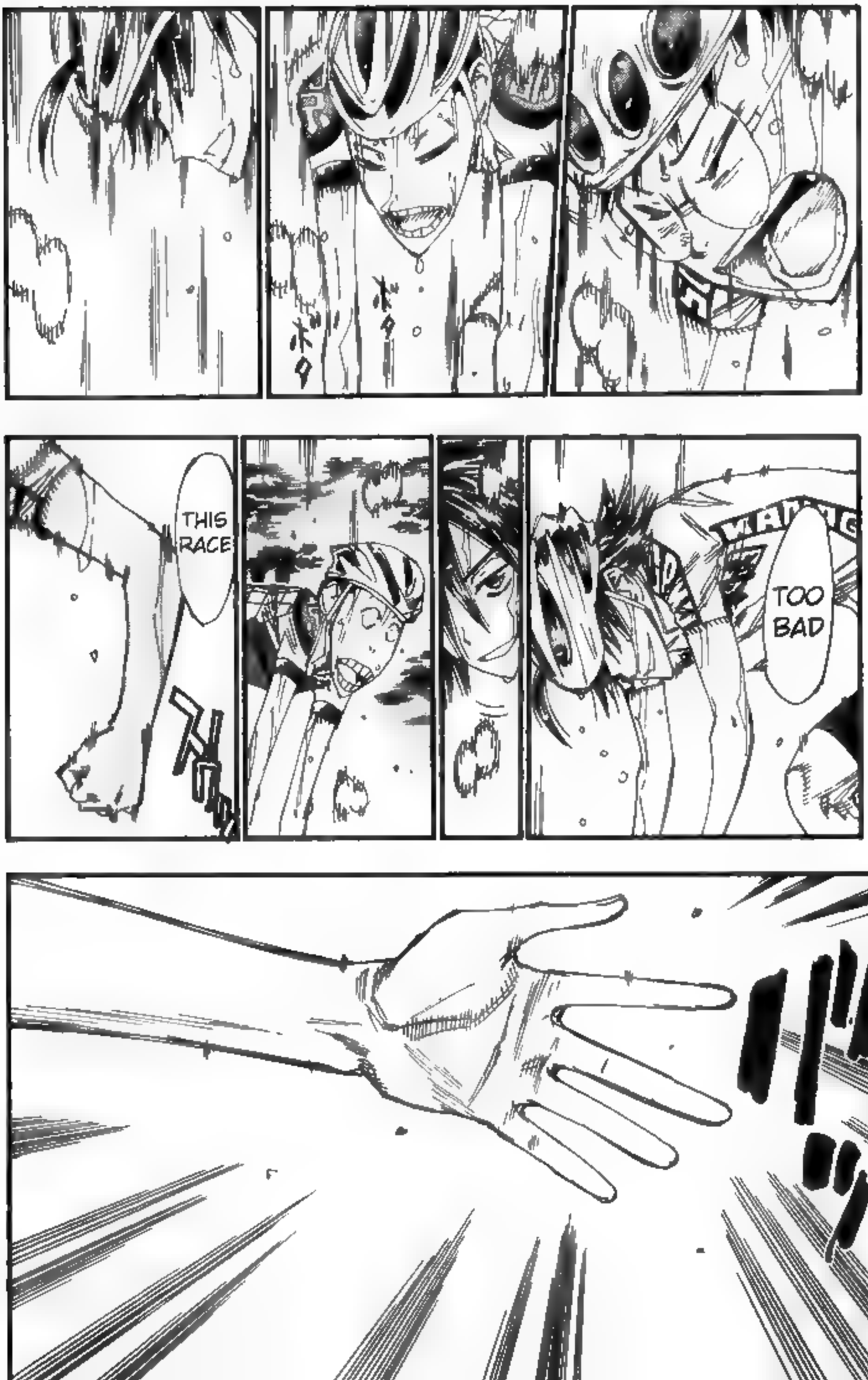
INTER-
ESTING
!!
RACES
REALLY
ARE
THAT I
STAY
LINED
UP?!
BY
"KEEP
GOING,"
DO YOU
MEAN
OMG

HERE GOES !!
YOU ...
AAAAAAAAH
SAKA-MICHI!!!






SO FAST !!
THE RACERS FROM BEHIND CAUGHT UP!
LOOK AT THAT!


THIS RACE
TOO BAD

WE'LL SETTLE THE NEXT ONE AT THE GOAL LINE!!
WAS A TIE.
GAKU
IT WAS GOOD RACE!!
HOW ABOUT A HAND-SHAKE?
NO. GROSS.

YOU TOO.
SAKA-MICHI-KUN
T-THANKS
EH
AH...
OH

U-UWAH, THIS IS KIND OF EMBARRAS-SING!
NAH
GAKU
YOU CAUGHT UP TO US...
I WASN'T EVEN REALLY AWARE THAT IT WAS A RACE, REALLY, I-I'M SORRY
THAT'S WHY I'M SHAKING YOUR HAND.

EH

AT THIS PLACE.
ONLY THE CHOSEN ONES
GET TO REACH THIS LAST STAGE.

WITH "A WILL TO WIN" INSTEAD...
WHAT'S MORE, YOU DID IT WITHOUT EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT...
IF YOU HAD RIDDEN
YOU FOUGHT AND LINED UP WITH US.
FIVE KILO-METERS TO GO
LET'S FIGHT.
EH
YOU'RE WELL QUALIFIED.
IT'S THE FINAL GOAL.
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YOWAMUSHI PEDAL SPECIAL CHAPTER
A STORY AT SOHOKU ROAD-RACING CLUB'S CLUBROOM

DON'T BRING ANYTHING UNNECESSARY INTO THE CLUBROOM, YES, I UNDERSTAND!
I KNOW!
I-I'M SORRY!

YESTERDAY, I JUST HAPPENED TO COME UPON A GASHAPON, AND I WAS CURIOUS IF I WOULD GET IT AND I DID!
WELL, UM...
IT LOOKS LIKE... THAT ANIME THING. THE REALLY THIN, 3D ONE...
...UM, WELL, NO?

GUESS I'LL MAKE AN EFFORT TO GET CLOSER TO HIM...
TCH
THAT TO ME, SO...
GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER
YOU'RE BOTH CLIMBERS
CRAP, I'M MAKING HIM COWER AGAIN... INTER-HIGH IS COMING UP ANYWAY, AND KINJOU SAID
IT MADE ME SO HAPPY THAT I'VE KEPT IT IN MY BAG

ERRR... WHICH ONE IS THAT?

*NANKAIDO IS A REFERENCE TO NINTENDO

NANKA DO HAS A WELL-ESTABLISHED REPUTATION FOR REPRODUCING SUCH DETAIL!
JUST LOOK AT HOW DETAILED THESE PARTS ARE!
HE OPENED IT!
NO, THAT'S OKAY!
I CAN OPEN IT, AS A SPECIAL OFFER TO YOU!
KEEP IT CLOSED.

EVEN THE PAINT JOB IS DETAILED! JUST LOOK AT THE GRADATION ON HIS HEAD!! IT'S VERY LOYAL TO THE ORGINAL WORK!
WHY IS IT THAT, ONLY AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WE'RE THE ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN THE CLUBROOM!!
LOOK, THEY MADE DIFFERENT HOLE SHAPES FOR INSERTING THE LEFT ARM AND THE RIGHT ARM!
THE VIDEO GAME IS PRETTY POPULAR, EVEN OUTSIDE THE NICHE, SO YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF IT.
THERE'S AN ANIME CALLED "MANYU-MANYU" .. AH, IT'S BASED OFF A VIDEO GAME
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S SAYING ...!!
GET HERE, TADOKORO-CCHI!! COME ON!!
OH MY GOD I'VE BEEN WANTING SO, SO BADLY TO GET THIS!
I COULD HAVE DRAWN BLOOD
THIS IS KURO-MANYU THAT APPEARS FROM THAT!

HE TURNED AROUND !!
I'LL GO EAT SOMETHING AT THE CAFETERIA FIRST.
<3!)
NO OTHER CHOICE !!
HE'S STILL TALKING!!
AS I WAS SAYING, THIS KUROMANYU IN THE MANYU-MANYU WORLD IS...
NO, HAHA, IT WAS A BIRD. A BIG BIRD JUST FLEW BY.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
I'LL (SECRETLY) CALL TESHIMA OR AOYAGI OVER HERE!!
NO, THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS--
AH
OH MAN
CRAP, HE SAW ME!
AH...

EHHH
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL! THIS IS RARE MERCHANDISE AFTER ALL!
IF YOU WANT TO TAKE PICTURES, YOU COULD'VE JUST ASKED!
HEHEHE, IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SEE EVERY DAY, SO YOU MUST KEEP THOSE PHOTOS SAFE!
WHAT KIND OF PHOTOS ARE THESE...
KINJOU... I GET POINTS FOR THIS, RIGHT...?

YO, NARUKO SHOUKICHI IS COMIN' IN!
THIS IS IMA-IZUMI.
WHY'D YOU GET HERE SO SLOW?! GET TO PRACTICE !!
!?
WAH, MAKISHIMA-SAN IS PISSED?! (N)
!?
AH HA HA HA HA !!
HEE HEE HEE HEE !!
BUT
WHAT THE HECK ...?!

THIS GUY
IS FASTER THAN USUAL TODAY!!

WHAT'S UP WITH ONODA-KUN?
HE SEEMS PRETTY CHEERY TODAY.
WELL, I GUESS ONCE IN A WHILE, STUFF LIKE THIS ISN'T SO BAD.